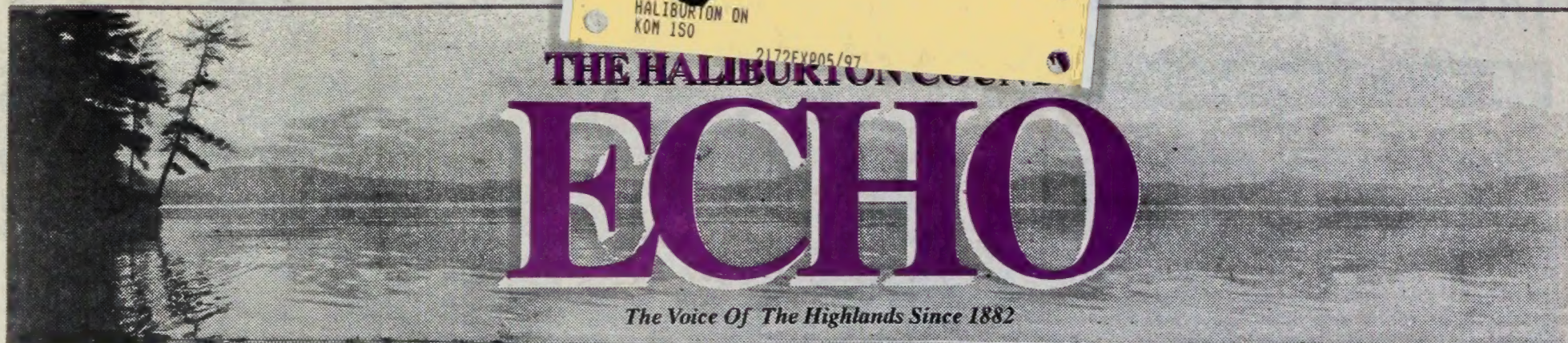


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Bicycle helmet saves boy who collided with car

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

A bicycle helmet is being credited for saving the life of an Eagle Lake child.

Nine-year-old Gregory Barry's bicycle and a car collided at the intersection of Still Court and County Road 6 in Eagle Lake on Friday afternoon. The force of the collision propelled the boy through the windscreen of the car.

His mother Betty said that without his helmet, Gregory would have been seriously injured or even killed.

Instead, Gregory spent Friday night in Haliburton Hospital after he was diagnosed as having suffered a concussion and cuts and bruising. He was released from hospital on Saturday and allowed to return home with his relieved parents, Betty and Troy.

Gregory had been out bicycle riding with three of his friends early Friday afternoon when the accident occurred. In an ironic twist, he was the only one in the group who had been wearing a bicycle helmet.

There were no witnesses to the collision, but Gregory's three friends heard the noise and

turned in time to see their young friend being propelled into the windscreen.

One of the boys ran to a nearby house and urged the occupant to "call 911".

Emergency services were called, but an off-duty ambulance officer drove past almost immediately after the accident and stopped to give assistance.

Gregory was taken to Haliburton Hospital where his mother, who had been called away from work, was waiting.

Mrs. Barry said her son had initially appeared to be "in very bad shape". However, a thorough examination showed the most serious of his injuries to be a concussion.

By Saturday afternoon, Gregory was back at home and recuperating from his injuries.

His parents are still contemplating how just lucky their son is. "That helmet saved his life," Mrs. Barry says.

Friends and neighbours of the Barry family believe the children of their small community have learned a very real lesson.

Faye Allen and Donna Campbell, who arrived on the accident scene within minutes of

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OPP confirms move to MNR building

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The Ontario Provincial Police has finalized plans to move from its current Minden office into a government-owned building on the other side of Highway 35, says Coboconk Staff Sergeant Andy Millar.

Millar told *The Echo* that the OPP, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the province's real estate arm, the Ontario Realty Corporation, approved a proposal yesterday morning that will see the OPP vacate the building it presently rents in Minden in favour of a 1,500-

square-foot building used by the MNR.

He said the move would likely take place within the next three to six months.

Millar also said the OPP would consider once again locating a full-blown detachment in Haliburton County—not necessarily in Minden—"if a suitable building were to come available" at some point in the future.

Last month the police force merged administrative operations from its detachment in Minden with its detachment in

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SAIL PAST FOR CANADA: This team in the Crazy River Raft Race in Minden celebrated Canada Day by having a lot of fun. For more photos of Canada's birthday parties in the county, see page 24.

County now responsible for several highways

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will have to take responsibility for an additional 96.5 kilometres of local highways under a new plan by the provincial government.

Acting county chief administrative officer and roads engineer Les Shepherd said this repre-

sented an increase of about 40 per cent in the amount of roads controlled by the county.

Provincial Minister for Transport Al Palladini has written to the county outlining the proposal, which has been tentatively scheduled to go ahead in April next year.

Under the government's plans, the county will take over respon-

sibility for all of Highway 648, a part of Highway 503 from Tory Hill to the Victoria County boundary, the northern section of Highway 503 ending at Gooderham and Highway 121 from the junction just south of Minden to the border with Victoria County.

Shepherd said Haliburton

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Call forwarding may prevent break-ins

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

From the Kushog Lake newsletter comes some good advice from police on reducing the risk of burglaries. Police believe robberies are being set up late at night by thieves who case cottages which they have phoned and have not received an answer. One way to confuse would-be burglars is to get call forwarding on cottage telephones. Then when the cottage is empty, the calls will be forwarded back to the owner's permanent residence. This will cost about \$3.00 per month and about 34 cents for each long distance call which is forwarded, depending on the distance and duration of the call.

More than \$90 has been donated to the Women's Emergency House in Haliburton, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Canadian Cancer Society after a fundraising open house at Sunny Rock Lodge. Owner Sally Moore offers her thanks to all those who visited and toured the Lodge and left a donation.

Wayne and Carol Cowling,

and the rest of their family at Hart Lodge, are pleased to announce the birth of two new kids. (Kids as in baby goats, not children.) On Friday night at 10:50 p.m., Sneaky the goat gave birth to twins, who were on their feet five minutes later. Mama goat is doing well. "We should have had bleachers," says Mr. Cowling, who witnessed the first birth in the lodge's petting zoo. The kids have yet to be named.

Kids can use their "noodles" to win a \$1,000 scholarship as Kraft Dinner launches its second annual colouring contest for kids aged 12 and under. Kids can enter by drawing a picture of themselves eating Kraft Dinner in their favourite place. Specially marked boxes of Draft Dinner, with blank back panels, are currently on store shelves. Kids can draw their pictures on the blank back panel and send them in to the address indicated on the box by August 23, 1996, the contest closing day. Ten winners from two age categories — seven and under and eight to 12



THE RODEO IS COMING - and the sign is ready to prove it! Organizers of the Cantel Amigo Haliburton Rodeo last week inspected signs which will promote the big event. The rodeo will be held at Glebe Park on July 26 and 27, sponsored by the Haliburton Rotary Club. Pictured with the sign are, from left, Dave Elstone, Doug King, Bill Hartin, Ross Miller and Heather Crompton.

— will be selected on September 3. They'll each win a \$1,000 cash scholarship and a prize package of VTech educational electronic games.

The Bancroft Chamber of Commerce has come up with two interesting summer programs. Every Tuesday and Thursday in July and August, it's offering geologist-led mineral collecting field trips, perfect for the whole family. Participants gather at the Chamber of Commerce Information Centre ("the old station") at 9:30 a.m. in Bancroft and then head out in their vehi-

cles convoy fashion. All that is required is a container for collectibles, a garden claw or pick to dig through the rubble and dirt, and protection for sun and bugs. There will also be guided forestry tours every Wednesday this summer so people can learn about local trees and wildflowers, observe ecology minded forestry practices and see the forest industry from seedling to dressed lumber. Gather at the Information Centre at 9:30 a.m.

For both tours, packing a lunch is a good idea since the outings last about four hours. The fee for either outing is \$7 a person or \$15 for a family. For

more information, call 613-332-1513.

The Minden Home and Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Interested people will have the opportunity to visit eight charming homes in the Haliburton highlands, including a log cottage homestead and a historic farmhouse and attractive gardens. The price of a ticket and map is \$10 per person, with proceeds going to the Minden Hospital Building Fund. To obtain tickets, call 1-800-461-7677 or pick them up at the Chamber of Commerce office on Hwy 35 in Minden.

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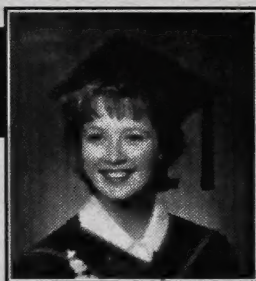
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While attending Osgoode, Lora worked for Parkdale Community Legal Services and the North York Community & Legal Aid Service Programme. In addition, she participated in several organizations and clubs including the International Law Society and the school's annual Mock Trial.

Lora is specializing in litigation while articling at the Toronto firm Devry, Smith & Frank.

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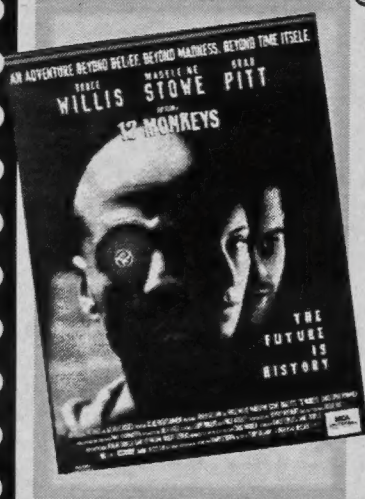
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Organizers hope for 180 units of blood at today's clinic

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The Red Cross is urging people to help them solve one of the province's worst-ever blood shortages by taking the time to donate blood today in Haliburton.

Organizers of the clinic, to be held at the Haliburton Legion on Mountain St. this afternoon (Tuesday) from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., are hoping to collect about 180 units of blood.

After successful clinics over the past few days, the Red Cross has seen its blood reserves climb above the 1,455 units required daily to supply 61 hospitals in Central Ontario "for the first time in five months," said organizer Marianne Clarke.

"But it's still going out very quickly and we need to get that 700 units per day to supply all the hospitals," she said.

Clarke said the most urgent demand is for donations of O blood types.

"All blood types are needed all the time, but as of Friday, O types are still critically low and they are the most popular blood types."

Because of the new screening process the Red Cross uses to ensure the health of its blood supply, it takes between 60 minutes and 75 minutes to donate blood, said Clarke.

The longer time — it used to take only half an hour to give blood — is one of the main reasons many people have been discouraged from donating recently, she said.

But media reports of individuals whose suffering has been made even worse by the blood shortage have convinced many to take the extra time to help out.

"People are coming forward and saying, 'I'm the one who's being affected,' and it's hitting home," said Clarke.

She urged people to give blood not just at Haliburton's annual clinic, but also when they go to other communities, such as Lindsay and Peterborough.



Thirty-five people turned out for Canning Lake's PIG — Pitch In Garbage — Day on Saturday. Volunteers such as Leora Rich, above, and Janice Shaw at right, pinched their noses and dug in, helping to pick up a truck-load and a half of garbage from area roads. It's hoped twice as many people will turn up next year because many hands makes lighter work.

P.I.G. out on Canning Lake



Health services wants to take over ambulances

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board may take over responsibility of the local ambulance services as a way of upgrading level of care and running emergency departments at lower costs, says the board's executive director.

Right now it is difficult to keep the emergency departments of both the Minden and Haliburton hospitals open 24-hours a day year-round, Foster Loucks told the annual general meeting of the Canning Lake Property Owners Association on Sunday morning. To cut costs of having doctors on call, the

hospitals could make better use of ambulance attendants, whose could be upgraded to paramedics.

"Because it becomes so quiet on a mid-February night at 2 a.m., we want to acquire responsibility for the ambulance system," Loucks said. Local ambulance service is now under Orillia's jurisdiction, and dispatch is done out of Lindsay.

Instead of sitting idle at the Allsaw Flats or at the ambulance bases, the paramedics could be at the hospital during the times when a doctor isn't on site. The nursing staff's skills could also be upgraded to allow them to perform more duties, further lessening the dependence on doctors, who in Minden, simply

aren't there.

The Minden hospital is presently hiring doctors from Lindsay, Peterborough and Barrie to work shifts at the emergency department for 24-hours a day during the summer and 12- to 16-hours a day in the off season. The government recently agreed to pay a set hourly rate for on-call doctors and while that helps, it doesn't fully relieve the pressure on the hospital's budget. As well, the number of patients in the fall, winter and spring does not justify hiring doctors beyond the 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. shift.

But the board wants to come up with a way of alleviating people's concerns, providing a

dependable service and staying within its budget, since hospitals are not allowed to have deficits.

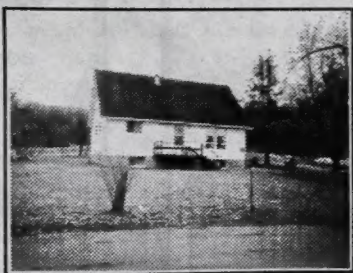
"It's not ideal," Loucks said, but it is workable. "We can't maintain what we've had for the past 25 or 40 years. We have the hope we can pull together and use the money differently and have a better system after, but I truly believe it's possible.... There are a lot of competing interests so it's not going to be easy, but I think we can do it."

While still in its beginning stages, Loucks is optimistic about the possibility of offering a more integrated health service, more fully utilizing skills of people the government is already paying for.



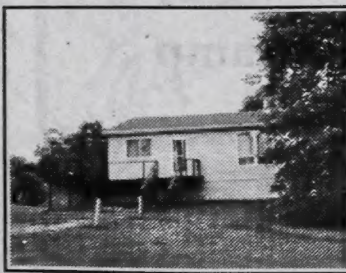
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Police would like to move detachment back to county – wherever a building is available

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Coboconk, making the Minden site a satellite office.

The same number of police officers work out of the office, but all administrative duties are now carried out in Coboconk.

However, at a meeting of Dysart council yesterday, where Millar had been asked to explain the OPP's recent changes, the staff sergeant said the OPP wanted to have its merged detachment in Haliburton County instead of Coboconk, but couldn't find a suitable building.

"There was definitely a preference to have our administrative centre in Haliburton County. There was right from the beginning," he said. "It could still happen in a year or two years ... And nothing says it has to happen in Minden. Haliburton County doesn't say Minden."

If the OPP were to locate a detachment office in Haliburton County, it would continue to operate a satellite office in Coboconk, he said.

In a later interview, Millar said there are "a lot of government-owned buildings in Haliburton

County" that would accommodate an OPP detachment, if they were to be made available.

"I was very surprised we didn't get something offered to us, to be quite frank," he said.

In the meantime, the OPP plans to conduct a cost analysis of carrying out renovations to turn a small MNR building behind the Ministry's main office on Hwy. 35 into its new satellite office.

The new office will not have a cell to incarcerate prisoners, but it will have a holding room, said Millar. It will also have an interview room, a room to conduct breath tests for suspected impaired drivers and a work area for officers.

Millar said it will likely take between three and six months for the building to be ready for the OPP to make its move.

"I would think we'd be lucky to be in there before Christmas," he said. "We're into the busy season now and I'm not sure I want to make any changes that drastically right now."

The OPP rents the building it occupies in Minden on a monthly basis and can end the lease on three months' notice, he said.



NOTICE THE HELMETS: After their friend, Greg Barry, was injured when his bike hit a car, these Eagle Lake youngsters will never ride without their helmets. From left are Taylor Allen, Jessica Allen, Cassie Hie, Brodie Allen, Jake Hackson, Ryan Hie and Meagan Hie.

Accident underlines safety concerns

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the accident, say their children will never ride without bicycle helmets again.

The women said Friday's accident struck home for another reason.

They say parents in Eagle

Lake have long feared a child would be injured or killed on County Road 6 because of speeding drivers.

The women are not suggesting the driver of the car which collided with Gregory's bicycle was speeding. They did not witness the accident or what occurred in the minutes before it.

They simply feel now is an appropriate time to publicly appeal for all drivers to obey the 50 kilometres an hour speed limit which applies to County Road 6 inside the Eagle Lake vil-

lage.

"Drivers are just not slowing down," says Mrs. Campbell. "Faye and I would like to paint signs which say 'children at play' or something, just to get drivers to slow down."

The women plan to appeal to the municipality to have signs placed on County Road 6, warning drivers to slow down and to watch for children.

They are also planning to raise the issue of cutting back or removing trees and shrubs which line the sides of County Road 6 at the intersection of Still Court. The women are concerned the trees and shrubs are cutting back on drivers' visibility.

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Speeding watercraft in channel worry Canning Lake cottagers

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

There's an accident waiting to happen on Canning Lake, say people who are concerned about the potentially dangerous mix of personal watercraft going too fast and swimmers.

"If we don't have a fatality this summer, it will be a miracle," said Janet Bend at Sunday morning's annual general meeting of the Canning Lake Property Owners Association.

Bend owns a cottage on the narrows and is horrified by the speed of personal watercraft passing by, even though personal watercraft — such as Seadoos — are supposed to follow the same speed restrictions as boats when they're so close to shore.

"We're on a channel and it's unbelievable. If you try to slow them down, it's 'whoa, who do you think you are?' It's a serious accident waiting to happen."

Many of the personal watercrafts are rentals, and one cottager said she recently overheard some people renting one. They were not told the speed limit is 10 km an hour within 30 metres of the shore.

The association will write a letter to businesses which rent personal watercraft to ask that people be advised of all safety rules. Members also endorsed proposed provincial initiatives to somehow licence or control boat operators. With a licence, said treasurer Irving Green, "you have to prove you're capable and it's something you can lose if you misbehave."

Minden OPP Const. Brian Ladurantaye said in response to several fatalities, inquests have all recommended some sort of licensing system. It doesn't hurt to remind your MPP of those recommendations, he said.

The Minden OPP, which is now part

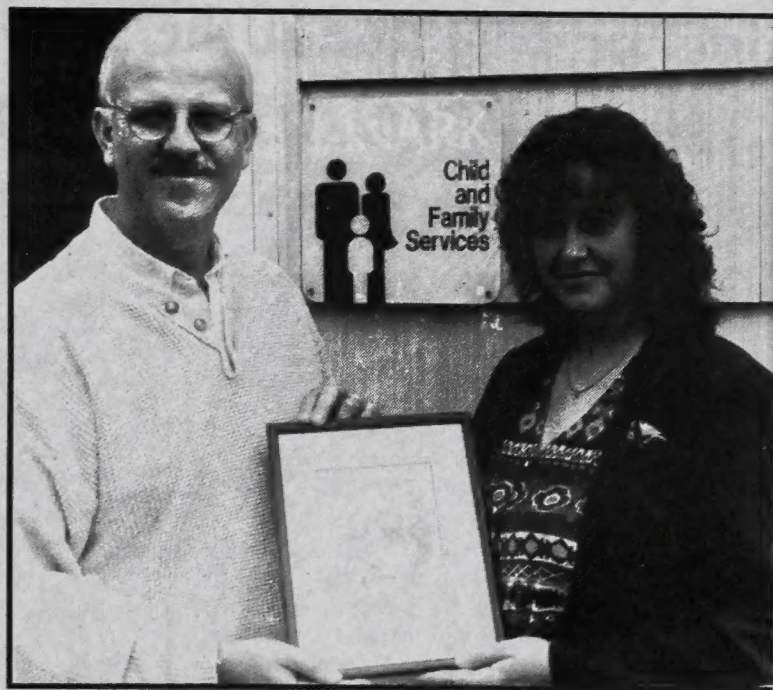
of the Coboconk detachment, has two boats at its disposal, but only enough officers to man one of them, so they can't be at all places at all times. If people have concerns, he encouraged them to write Staff Sgt. Andy Millar in Coboconk. That way, police will know where there are trouble spots. "If we don't get a call, we assume everything's okay."

Outgoing association president Ross Rigney reminded everyone that keeping the lake safe was a dual responsibility between police and property owners. People should make sure their children and guests are properly trained and fully aware of the rules of the water before they get into a boat.

"It sounds like it's up to all of us to start mobilizing," said one woman. Snowdon Reeve George Simmons also suggested putting a surveillance camera at trouble spots, such as the narrows, as a deterrent. Earlier in the meeting, however, Const. Dave Trepanier also reminded people that if they're going to make a complaint, they have to be willing to go to court if charges are laid.

The association will also write a letter asking that the Minden OPP become a detachment once again. Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon said that at the Mountain Lake meeting the day before, two retired police officers said it's better to have officers living in the communities where they live so they know the problems — and the community's strengths. If there's not a local detachment, officers may commute to work.

Meanwhile, Ladurantaye warned that changes to the Police Services Act will hit cottagers and residents in the wallet. The province now pays for OPP service, but is considering shifting the cost to municipalities. George Simmons said one number he's heard is a levy of \$200 a household.



A GIFT: Haliburton artist Monique Roadknight has donated one of her works to Kinark Child and Family Services. Roadknight presented the work to Kinark director Bob Kerr because she believes in the agency's work.

Province gives county more roads to maintain

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County will also take over 700 metres of County Road 1, which was formerly Highway 519. He said the county had not previously assumed control of the 700-metre section of County Road 1 between Hwy. 121 and the hospital because of the poor condition of the road.

The county will negotiate with the government about repairs to this section of road before assuming responsibility for it.

The plan entire is set to become a major issue for the county.

While the county is capable of maintaining such roads, Shepherd said assuming responsibility for the additional roadway, which includes three bridges, would

represent a significant financial burden.

Shepherd said the provincial government had indicated repair work which had already been planned would be carried out, with funding for maintenance likely to continue for the first year.

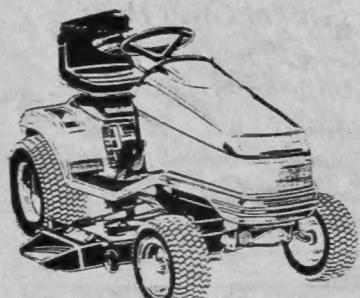
The county did not as yet have enough information to plan a budget to include the new areas of road.

Shepherd said the provincial government believed that these highways were local roads rather than long-distance roads, used mostly for journeys which began and ended within the county, and that local government should have jurisdiction over such roads.

The county will be seeking details on the government's plan for long-term funding for maintaining the roads.

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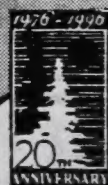
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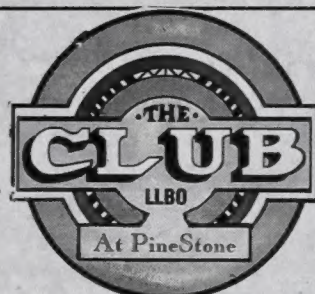
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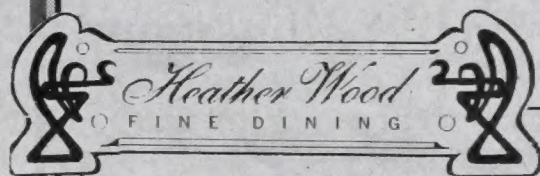
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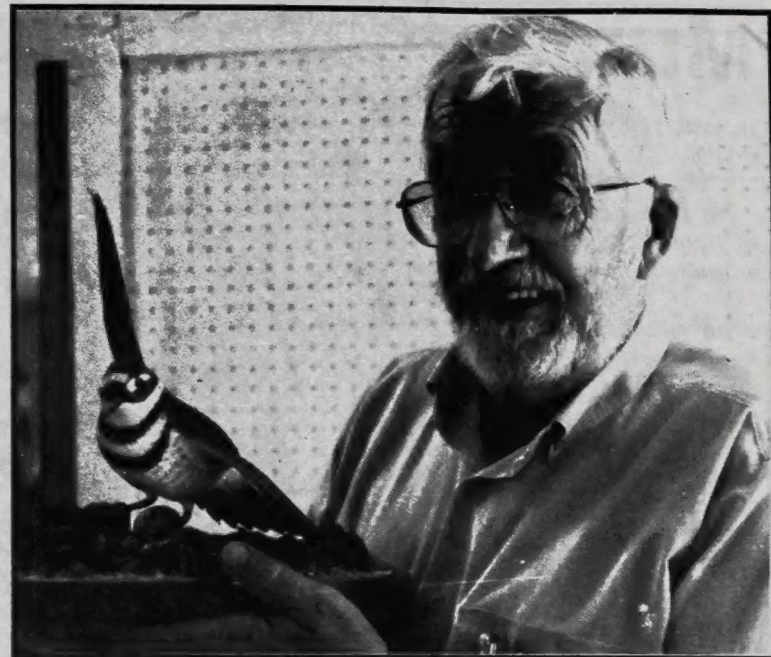
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Municipalities face tough decisions

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Sunday morning's annual general meeting of the Canning Lake Property Owners Association. Approximately 80 people attended the meeting at the Rigneys' home.

This is the calm before the storm, warned Snowdon Reeve George Simmons. After being applauded for council's decision to reduce council honorariums as a way of avoiding a 1996 municipal tax increase, Simmons said that provincial initiatives will make zero-percent increases virtually impossible in the future.

Restructuring is one of the ways the county may deal with the increased costs, passed down from the province in various ways. "In Snowdon, we realize that in order to survive, you've got to change. (It's like what was said at a South Lake meeting the day before) — the government will help carry the wounded but stragglers will be shot."

The county heard last week it will soon have to be responsible for highways 648, 503, 507 and 121 between Kinmount and Minden. This is part of a provincial initiative to switch jurisdictions: the province would be responsible for education and welfare, but municipalities will get such things as roads and policing.

Last year, municipalities also saw their provincial funding drop by 20%, with a promise of the same cut next year. Municipalities were able to absorb those cuts this year, and perhaps can do the same next year, but what about after that, he asked. Property owners will soon have to join politicians in determining what types of services can still be offered.

Minden council

Now that tipping fees have

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INTERESTED LISTENERS: About 80 people gathered at Lois and Ross Rigneys' home for the Canning Lake annual general meeting.

been implemented at Anson, Hindon and Minden landfill sites, the money can be used for such things as installing recycling bins at the Ingoldsby landfill, reported AHM Reeve Jeanne Anthon to the applause of members, many of whom want to be able to recycle but don't want to have to drive to Minden with their garbage.

The tipping fees shouldn't affect many cottagers because the fees don't kick into place unless there are more than five bags of garbage per trip, she said. The fees are primarily directed towards commercial operators who don't recycle, and therefore don't help extend the life of the landfills.

Meanwhile, when cottagers have guests, and those guests go to the landfill, she reminds them to borrow the cottage's landfill permit so there are no problems with the attendant.

She also outlined some of the many activities cottagers can partake in, including events at the Minden museum and this weekend's home and garden tour of "eight fabulous places."

Minden council was applauded

for also having no tax increase.

Good works

Canning Lake continues to be the only cottage association which gives bursaries to local high school students. The bursaries total \$500 and are for students who care about the environment.

The association also gave \$50 to the Tim Heming Memorial Bursary. The 12-year-old boy, who used to live at Sunny Rock Lodge, died in the spring from complications after surgery to strengthen the curvature of his spine. As Lois Rigney said, she will always remember Tim as the boy in the wheelchair having fun at the annual Fun Day (which is August 3 this year.)

As a way of raising money for the hospital capital fund, and with the support of an energetic and nostalgic membership, the Rigneys and others are going to organize a fundraising dance with popular Fifties crooner Bobby Curtola, who's a friend of theirs. If he's not available, his band, the Martells, also do bene-

fit dances. Last year, \$250 was donated to the Minden Lions Club's medical centre.

To beautify the area, the association has bought flowers to adorn the side of the Country Road 1 bridge, similar to projects in St. Jacobs and Unionville. Lumber was donated and the boxes will be built by Joe Curtin and Joe Shewchuk. Canning Lake is encouraging the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization to do the same on the other side of the bridge. The cost is about \$100.

Business

There will likely be a deficit of about \$1,500 because of two large one-time costs, said treasurer Irving Green. The association spent \$500 on new membership stickers and \$900 on signs warning of speed restrictions on the lake. There is a working reserve fund to cover the deficit.

There are 241 members, which means approximately only 40 properties on the lake aren't signed up, which is a strong showing of support for the association's ongoing work.

President Ross Rigney has decided to retire (and was applauded for his past efforts).

The new president is Terry Wilkins. Larry Bebenssee is the vice-president (another one is needed) and David Whalen is secretary. Green will continue as treasurer. There are about 24 members on the executive.

Highland lakes levels higher than usual

Haliburton area lakes usually average about 89% by this date, but this year they contain about 4% more water. No flow of stored water from them has been needed yet to combat evaporation losses from the lakes along the canal route. Rainfalls have been near normal in Haliburton, but well above normal in the Kawartha area. Surplus conditions still persist this week following the heavy rains of Saturday, June 29.

If stored water were to accumulate in the Haliburton Lakes above a target amount for each date, then flow increases would be made to help protect against a high surplus by autumn. It is possible to get too much even in summer if cool, wet conditions persist. For this reason, the Trent-Severn Waterway strives for a normal seasonal decline every year. 1996 has been relatively wet thus far. Such precautions could be necessary before the end of this summer unless the usual heat and evaporation begin.

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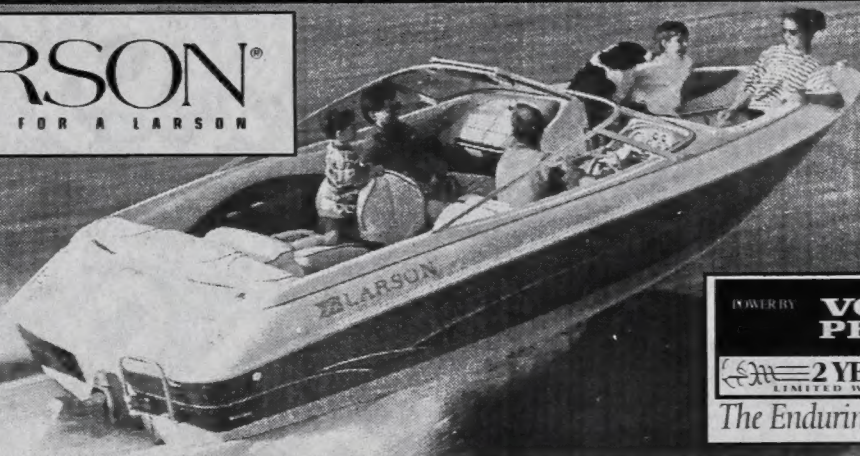
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Glamorgan gets advice on how to appoint new fire chief

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

A month after Glamorgan council cut \$2,000 in training from its volunteer fire department's budget, a representative of the Fire Marshall's Office has stressed the importance of training for all firefighters.

Dave Carr met with council Tuesday, following the resignation last month of Glamorgan Fire Chief Doug Bates.

In a letter of resignation tendered to council, Bates said the fire department's leaders must be properly trained to ensure the safety of firefighters and the people involved in emergency situations.

Bates had opposed the reduction of the training portion of the department's budget.

During his meeting with council, Carr said one matter he wanted to emphasize was the need for training. He said no matter who the new fire chief is, that person will require some training.

"I suggest it is going to take an allocation of some funds to get some courses," Carr said.

He said depending on the new chief, there may be delegation of some jobs, which could mean some other firefighters need training.

Several members of the Glamorgan Fire Department attended the meeting and raised matters of concern with Carr.

Paul Drake said one of the major issues behind Bates' resignation was his concern that he could be held personally responsible if someone sued the fire department.

Reeve Elva Bates, who is Doug's mother, said council did have liability insurance, and firefighters have asked to meet with a representative of council's insurance company to discuss the insurance policy in

detail. Carr told the meeting there were several instances of fire departments being sued.

During the meeting Carr also stressed the importance of the "team concept".

Carr said it will take time for the fire department to adjust to having a new fire chief, particularly as the previous chief had known each department member personally, but said "change is something we all have to face".

During the hour-long meeting,

Carr suggested how council could approach the process of appointing a new chief.

Carr said he likes to think there is always someone from within the fire department who could take on the role, although council could also look outside the department.

He suggested council develop a job description not only for the fire chief, but also for the deputy fire chief, captain and fire prevention officers.

Carr gave council some samples of job descriptions, but said each community is unique in its requirements.

Reeve Bates suggested the best person to help with the job description is the person who had been doing the job.

Carr agreed that the former fire chief should have an input into developing a job description, a process he said is likely to take two or three weeks.

He said council would also

need to consider the impact of the chief's regular employment.

Councillors decided to look over the information provided by Carr, then discuss how they would appoint a new fire chief during a regular council meeting later this month.

Reeve Bates said she would expect to see the new chief come from the fire department. It would be very difficult to find someone from outside to take on the role, she said.



Views from a walk-about

Every Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30, the Haliburton School of Fine Arts holds a "walk about" so people can discover all the creativity that's taking place. In honour of the School's first week, The Echo's Jody Lindbeck peeked in the doors at the high school. Here, Marilyn Clark from Buckhorn puts the finishing touches to an oil painting, while Donald Gibson of Kirkfield gives his full attention to the delicate task of carving a duck.



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South Lakers help Lions attract doctor

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Saturday's annual general meeting of the South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents.

Less than a year after it borrowed \$100,000 to buy a medical clinic in Minden, the Minden Lions Club is close to two-thirds of the way towards paying off its debt.

Tom Gardner, chairman of the club's fundraising committee, told the audience the community has given the Lions more than \$64,000 to pay for the facility.

"Hopefully by the end of August we'll have that \$100,000," he said.

SLACAR members offered to help Gardner meet his goal, donating \$250 to the fundraising effort. Last summer, the association gave the Lions a cheque for \$300.

The Lions purchased the former Dawson Medical Clinic in Minden for \$135,000, putting down \$35,000 of the club's money and borrowing the rest.

Gardner said the Lions may have been "a bit naive" to think that once the club could offer doctors low rent at a good facility, the community's doctor shortage would soon be solved. But the problem still persists.

"We have been experiencing some difficulties attracting doctors," he said. "... There is very stiff competition out there. It's not just our community. Almost every rural community and even some urban centres are having problems attracting doctors."

Some communities are offering doctors big incentives, such as free cars, which Minden simply can't afford.

However, the clinic has been successful in attracting one new full-time doctor, Judith Smith, who begins on July 15. A former nurse for 17 years, Dr. Smith is recent graduate from med school.

Capacity study

Association members approved a fee increase for 1997 — to \$20 from \$10 — to help pay for a study to determine the development capacity of the lake.

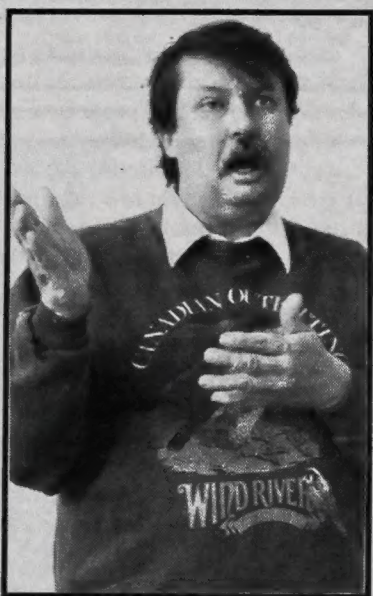
Property owner Ken Brown recommended the association hire an expert to carry out the study in order to protect the lake against over-development.

"If we don't develop a standard of what is acceptable development on the lake, it will just happen," he said. "We don't want to be crying after the fact."

Brown pointed to the property owners association on Drag Lake which recently decided to hire a consultant to determine how much more development the lake can sustain.

South Lake's association should expect to pay between \$5,000 and \$7,000 for a similar study, said Brown.

Members approved a recommendation to double their dues to help pay for the study. No date was set for when the study is to be initiated.



CHANGE MUST COME: Haliburton County cannot afford to fight restructuring, said Snowdon Clerk Ernie Hills at the South Lake meeting.

Change or suffer

Haliburton County can no longer afford to fight restructuring, Snowdon clerk Ernie Hills warned association members.

Unless they embrace some form of real change, municipal governments and property owners will only hurt themselves, he said.

And as a result, taxpayers will suffer paying higher taxes for reduced services.

"I'm not here to promote any one model of restructuring," said Hills, who was asked by the association to speak about the county's restructuring efforts. "... What I am here to tell you is that resisting change will hurt the community."

"The process of change is inescapable and we can't ignore it ... The fiscal realities are such that you ignore it at your own

peril."

Currently, the county is looking at two models for governmental reform: a one-tier system governing the whole county and a modified two-tier system with a county government and five municipal governments.

Soon a committee of the county's clerks will present a report to county council, detailing the expected financial impacts of moving to a one-tier model.

A similar report on the second proposal will follow.

The public will also be given a chance to comment on the proposals, but not likely this summer, said Hills.

Reeve George Simmons said the county has got to move faster towards restructuring to realize the potential savings available of between \$1-million and \$1.5-million. "The thing with restructuring is that every-

one is trying to hold their trump cards to protect their residents. We haven't got the time."

Lake quality up

South Lake's water quality went up "quite significantly" last summer compared to the previous summer, reported Ann MacDonald. She is unsure whether the change can be attributed to the summer's heavy rainfall affecting test results or to improvements people have made to their septic systems.

"We should know this summer whether there is a real change or if it was a one-shot deal (because of the rainfall)."

Tests during the summer of 1994 placed the lake's quality in the middle of the good range, said MacDonald. Last summer, the lake registered at the lower end of the excellent category.

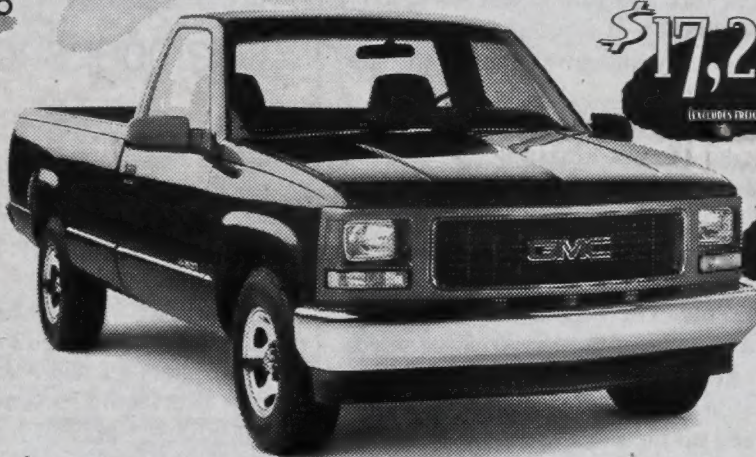
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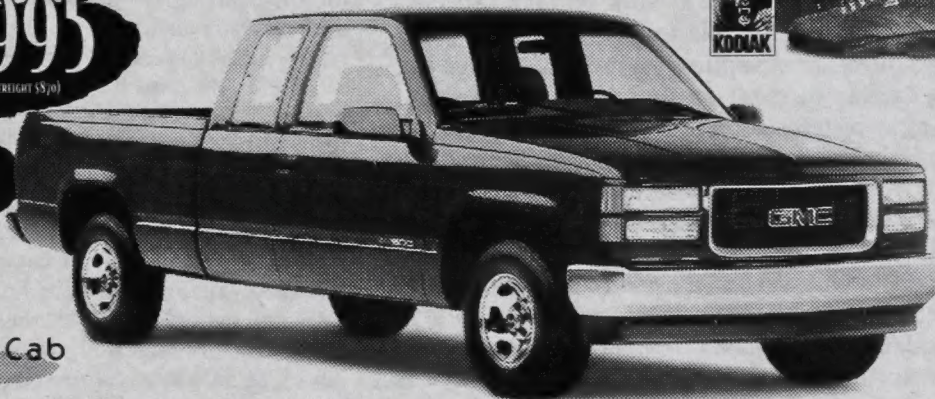
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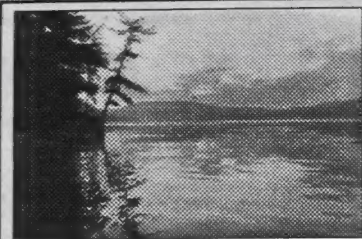
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Editorial

Out of sight, but please, not out of mind

MOST PEOPLE'S impressions of science are either:
a) highly simplistic – mixing baking soda and vinegar to make “rocket ships” fly out of the kitchen sink; or
b) incredibly boring – memorizing the periodical chart; or
c) mind-boggling complex – realizing that the drawing of an atom you learned in high school has as much to do with the real thing as a Leggo set has to a Bay Street bank tower.

So whenever science is mentioned, most people nod politely and turn off their internal hearing aid. In such an atmosphere, scientists must work, misunderstood by some and ignored by many.

And yet the federal government has repeatedly said science and the resulting technology are the nation's salvation. If we are to shed our past as the hewers of wood and the haulers of water, we must have a skilled workforce and up-to-date workplaces. We must take the wood and the water and make something of them.

That's why the Dorset Environmental Science Centre, wedged quietly between the Haliburton Highlands and Muskoka, is so vital to this country's future prosperity, not to mention its environmental health. Out of sight, it is not out of mind in the international science community, which has a deep respect for its knowledge of water-related issues.

There have been past successes and now, in this age of budget cuts, the Dorset centre must be allowed its future successes, too. That will only happen if the population at large recognizes the importance of science in our economy and gives the centre the moral and financial support it deserves.

An illustration of its vital role is today's silence about acid rain. Ten years ago, acid rain was in all the headlines, including *The Echo's*. Everyone knew whether their lake's pH reading was acidic or alkaline. Acid rain was on the agenda of every cottage association's summer meeting.

The centre provided the research, the proof that something needed to be done or lakes would die. Their work formed part of the base from which the acid rain coalition fired salvo after salvo of scientific data at American and Ontarian companies which were polluting the air, and therefore polluting the water. Now that those companies have cleaned up their act, acid rain is not as much of a threat. The centre still monitors acid levels, but its success allows it the time to devote to the new issues of the '90s.

A few weeks ago, it was told it would have six fewer people on staff to do the work because of provincial budget cuts. The centre's staff won't comment on the cuts, which were a political decision, but that doesn't mean they took the cuts lightly. Shell shocked may be a better description.

Reducing funding to the centre fulfills the old adage about cutting off your nose to spite your face. It's short sighted and in the long run, won't help the government improve the economy. By investing in science, the government is investing in business.

For example, let's look at the centre's work on lake capacity. The centre has come up with a formula to determine how many buildings should be on a lake. Septic systems are one of the major contributing factors to deteriorating water quality. But instead of saying septic systems should be banned, the centre is trying to come up with the science of making a better mousetrap. Once that science is published, companies can use the information to design, make and sell septic systems which don't create as much pollution. And since God isn't creating any more lakes and after the recession people will want a lakeside retreat, such a system is highly marketable.

If the government doesn't fund such research, business may not be tempted to pick up the slack. The problem with research is you have 100 failures before your one success. Research takes time. Theories must be poked and prodded from every angle to find weaknesses. Meanwhile, the public will wonder what's taking so long. It's that same public which likes to be able to go into a store and buy a laptop computer while conveniently forgetting that equivalent computers used to fill entire rooms. Some scientist had to work with computer programmers to make it all possible. There's no instant gratification in science.

The province wants business to help pay for the research. It's right, business should pick up more of the tab, since it picks up most of the profit. But the Dorset Environmental Science Centre should not be allowed to flounder as its two unwilling suitors fight over the bill.

M.P.



A lakeside view of Lake of Bays near Dorset

by Martha Perkins

Letters to the Editor

PRAISE

Chamber should learn from others' successes – and failures

To the Editor:

After reading the July 2 *Echo* write-up of the Chamber of Commerce's plan to support the local hospitals - I had a dream that they were involved in the 1970 fund-raising campaign which built the present hospital. No, it was a nightmare!

Their scheme seems to benefit all involved except the real worthy cause of the hospitals. A building without a lot; commission of 10%; charges by the Chamber of \$16,500; marketing fee of \$52,000; \$140,000 line of credit; topped up interest fee of \$2000. The logic of turning down donated prizes and having an agency in Toronto sell tickets for Haliburton escapes me.

With this kind of self-serving plan the hospital we now have would still be looking for a lot to build on. Twenty-six years ago on May 1, 1970, the fund-raising for the Haliburton Hospital got underway. Thanks to everyone in the community, the necessary funds were raised and on June 29, 1971, the building opened. The land and building were paid for - no mortgage - and there were surplus funds - Yes, surplus, used for landscaping and additional equipment. This good bit of work was accomplished by involving each citizen - the schools, churches, Legion, Rotary, every cottager and each camp and lodge got involved. Yes, draws were held, dances, bake sales and parades. Since the hospital is a facility that eventually affects all of our lives and that of our children's it was important that every bit of the money went into the facility. No profits! No kickbacks! No favours! We were building an important part of the community, a hospital. We tried to get as much donated as possible including the land.

With everyone committed, a group of residents worked together to gather the funds and coordinate the construction. Some of these fine

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& CONDEMNATION

Editorial against Chamber deserves bricks thrown at it

To the Editor:

I cannot help but respond to your editorial (*Echo*, July 2, 1996). To quote you, "*The Haliburton County Echo* is 'one of those backward, insular, self-defeating businesses that doesn't know how to dream big'." It must be said that you're "one of the reasons why the Highlands has yet to take its place in the sun."

The original premise of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is to promote the economic and social well-being of Haliburton County. With this thought in mind, the Board of Directors embarked on an ambitious fund-raising effort, as a part of the overall volunteer effort of the Chamber.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is one of the very few volunteer organizations in the County that has a strategic plan in place. One of the goals found within the plan is to fund-raise. Thus, we are carrying out our mandate. We learned through our trade shows, by speaking to many prospective visitors and entrepreneurs, their number one concern was the lack of complete medical services in the Highlands. Thus, we reported this back to County Council in May. As a result, we decided to help in the local effort to raise funds for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

At our general meeting held on June 28, 1996, you, along with those present, received a copy of the draft proposal of the fund-raising effort. The operative word being "draft". A person with your experience should have realized that the quoting from this document would prove to be embarrassing to you, the writer. As was stated at the meeting, the budget section of the proposal had to be further reviewed with our accountant. Even if, for some reason, we only cleared \$35,000, that is \$35,000 more than they would have received.

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More Letters to the Editor

Parents who oppose busing changes are acting responsibly

To the Editor:

Re: new school bus policy.

I would like to respond to a comment made by Jim Bradley reported in the June 25 Echo where he stated, "...parents are going to have to take greater responsibility to make sure their children get to the bus safely."

In the eight years that my children have been riding on the school bus, either my wife or myself have been taking the children to the end of our driveway to ensure that they are safely on the bus. We have never shirked this responsibility! Mornings when there had been a significant snowfall, I would drive the children to the main road so the school bus would not have to try to negotiate the treacherous hills in our area. I would gladly undertake this responsibility morning and evening except I am not always available due to my work schedule and we have only one vehicle which I need for my employment. My wife suffers from arthritis and is not always physically able to walk 8 km. a day to deliver to and pick up from the bus 2 km. away.

I feel that I am taking responsibility by advocating for my children and asking the Board of Education not to cut the busing to our house for the safety of three young children that will have to walk 2 km. alone on an isolated road to the proposed bus stop. During a previous

conversation between Mr. Bradley and my wife, it was indicated that 70 cents per kilometer would be required in order to continue the school bus service to our driveway. This translates to about \$1000 per year. Now it seems that paying for the service is not an option either because of "existing provincial policies". Education Minister John Snoblen has said user fees "create an inequitable situation between parents who can afford services and those who cannot." We are parents who cannot afford, but would pay, to ensure the continued safety of our children and even this we are unable to do.

I find it hard to believe that while in all other areas of government today the magic words seem to be "user fees", the Minister of Education has taken this stance. User Fee System implemented in other areas has already created inequity between the haves and the have-nots. How about my children receiving equality in transportation to school? Someone else's children will get transportation just because they are 2.1 km. from a common pickup point while my children walk 2 km. Is this equitable?

I am trying to take that responsibility which Mr. Bradley touts is mine, but doors keep shutting in my face.

**Al Gurr, Responsible Parent,
Haliburton**

Similar raffle has past failures

FROM page 10

people were: Roy Brohm, Glen Hodgson, Ray McKinnon (of the Bank of Montreal), Dr. Good, Ron Curry, Barb Dawson, Chester Schwandt, Ken Wilson, Murray Fearrey, Creighton Feir, Ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary, and countless others.

With this present Chamber scheme I see very little of the kind of spirit and involvement that built the hospital - debt free! I also feel this type of approach tends to tarnish the cause of future fundraising projects.

In closing let me relate the results of three recent draws in Haliburton, the prizes being furnished houses on lots and foun-

dations:

- Mohawk College: lost money.
- Hamilton Philharmonic: Lost \$700,000 - now defunct.
- St. Joseph's Hospital: Just made it into the black in the last week before the draw.

The way to successfully raise funds for the two hospitals in my view would be to get everybody's fingers out of the 'draw pie', and ask the permanent and summer residents for funds directly - ensuring all the monies go to where they are needed.

**Stan Fisher,
Chairman - Fund-Raising
Haliburton Hospital 1970**

Chamber's efforts are working

FROM page 10

Your pessimistic view, in my opinion, will only encourage people to purchase your \$1.70 brick and throw it back at you.

The Board of Directors and I are very enthusiastic about the chance to significantly help Health Services.

Please be informed that this is only a small portion of the volunteer time put forth by the Board and members.

Our staff gladly answers visitors' questions on a daily basis. We would like to invite you to visit our office any day, for example, before Minden Sled Dog Derby, to observe the answering of between 200 and

300 telephone calls, as well as walk-in inquiries while the two office staff are attempting to maintain a modicum of decorum.

Over the past four years, as a result of the Chamber's ambitious marketing efforts, supported by the three-year contract with County Council, the number of inquiries have increased by over 50 percent. During these recessionary times, our membership has also increased by almost 100 members, contrary to what you believe.

**Connie Sims, President
Haliburton Highlands
Chamber of Commerce**



Pic of the Past

This is indeed a picture of the past, since the annual Orange Day parade on July 12 is long gone - as are most of the Orange Lodges. Bert Blair gives us this glimpse of Orange Day

pageantry along the Gull River in Minden, the year uncertain, but some time before 1925. Haliburton County has not had a parade in years.

Rocking through the ages

GWEN HOPED no one would stop when they saw her car pulled over onto the highway's shoulder. She hated having to say, "Thanks - there's no trouble. I'm just getting a few rocks." People looked at her in the oddest way. Gwen liked to gather rocks for special locations around her house. There were her flower beds that needed borders and terraces, walkways benefitting from rocky additions and the odd piece of driftwood set off nicely by a fine piece of the Canadian shield.

And while to some people carting rocks in her car was like bringing sand to the Sahara, Gwen had her reasons. First of all, living on a hill meant driving a nice pile of rocks to the desired location made a lot of sense. These were not just any rocks either. Gwen was no geologist, but she knew what she liked. Variety of colour, shape and texture were what she strove for: smooth shiny greys and blacks, sparkling bumpy whites and creams and a multitude of pinks, mauves, greys and browns in wedges, chunks and ovals.

Gwen loved her rocks. They were free, plentiful and she was limited only by her imagination as to what she could do with them. Her passion was not a new phenomenon. The appreciation of rocks had started when she was a youngster sitting on the river bank, looking down into the water flowing over the smooth river rocks. The sunlight sparkled on pieces of quartz, their glitter magnified by the water. She would gather up some favourite stones and place them in a jar of water on the



DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch

table beside her bed. They never looked as pretty as in the river, but it sure beat a boring old doll.

Years later, she had watched her father unload boxes of lava rocks to fashion special renovations to the cottage. The lava rocks looked heavy and rugged but in fact were so porous that her father was able to saw and nail them wherever he wished. Gwen was impressed.

Then there was the stone patio her father and a neighbour built, using the river rocks and a lot of labour. They split the rocks under water then hauled them up for careful, artful placement. Every time she walked over the cool stones in her bare tanned feet, Gwen was amazed at such a beautiful and formidable creation made from what nature provided in abundance.

There were other, less aesthetically pleasing creations fashioned by young hands using rocks and stones around the cottage. Paper weights and door stops, decorated appropriately, as well as book ends could always be counted on for sum-

mer birthday gifts in a pinch. Boulders to mark the edge of the driveway or warn of a deep ditch were sometimes painted white or red to catch the eye. One year she painted a large flat stone with an exotic face and it stood as a welcoming totem to all visitors. The paint lasted for years, gradually fading to a smudge of eyes and grinning mouth.

Now, as she approached fifty, she was still scouting the roads for special finds. Experience had taught her what to look for. Areas of road construction could be quite fruitful, as could rock cuts.

There was one stretch on the way to Peterborough with pink cliffs that made her mouth water. She had forgotten about those cliffs until just the other day as she stood inspecting the base of her porch. It was looking rather shabby, she thought, boring really and then Gwen remembered the pink rock. That would spruce things up. She had a doctor's appointment coming up soon in Peterborough and would drive right past the spot. Already she was imagining the effect of pink at the bottom of her porch. Whoever said the best things in life are free was certainly right.

Quote is clarified by exchange student

To the Editor:

This letter is in regard to a misquote in the July 2, 1996 paper, "Take off to Adventure".

I would just like to clarify it for my own peace of mind. I did not say, "The people are rich in Venezuela." I said, "Venezuela is

one of the richest of the Latin American countries, so therefore there will be less poverty there."

Thank you for the otherwise good article. I just wanted to get this off my chest.

**Jammie Ogle,
Haliburton**

Boonieville

by Charlie Telford



Donations help mother share daughter's Olympic dream

Teachers, Rotary help Lynn Tashlin get to Atlanta

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Lynn Tashlin wouldn't want to miss seeing her daughter in the biggest competition of her life for anything in the world.

And with her community's help, Tashlin will be off to Atlanta in a couple of weeks to watch 27-year-old daughter Lesley represent Canada in the 100-metre hurdles at the Olympic Games.

County elementary school teachers donated \$1,000 and the Haliburton Rotary Club gave \$200 to help Tashlin cover the steep financial costs of making the trip.

Tickets to Olympic events are extremely expensive, as are hotel rates in and around Atlanta.

Tashlin, who plans to stay in a campground outside the city, said she is "really excited" about going to see Lesley fulfill one of her long-time dreams of competing in the Olympics.

"I'm very grateful for your assistance because otherwise I don't think I'd be going," she told representatives from the Rotary and teachers' groups.

Lesley will compete in two heats on Monday, July 29. The first race is at 9:20 a.m. and the second is at 5:45 p.m.

If her times are fast enough to advance further, the semi-final will be held on Wednesday, July 31 at 5:45 p.m. and the final is the same day at 8:20 p.m.

Lynn Tashlin plans to drive down to Atlanta with daughter Heidi and her husband Falk a few days before Lesley's first race. Once in the city, they will meet up with Lesley's twin sister Lindsay, and brother, Tally, who's an engineer in Dallas.

But none of the family members will get together with Lesley before she competes on July 29. She wants to stay completely focused on one thing only — her races.

"She doesn't want to even see us" until after she competes, said her mother. "If we see her when she's on the track, she doesn't want us to wave or call out her name ... She has to stay incredibly focused."

After she runs on the first day, Tashlin said the family is hoping to get together and speak with Lesley "good or bad, or however it goes."

Lynn Tashlin took this photo of her daughter Lesley, second from left, at the recent Olympic trials in Montreal. Lesley came in second, nurturing a sore Achilles tendon, while Keturah Anderson, centre, came in first and Angela Coon, right, came in third. For Lesley, the placing didn't matter since she had qualified earlier at a meet in the United States. At right, Dave Kennedy and Chris Lynd, representing county elementary teachers and Amin Shivji, from the Haliburton Rotary Club, present Lynn Tashlin, second from left, with donations for \$1,200.

Once the hurdles are finished, the family will have a couple of days together.

People in Haliburton could have a chance to congratulate Lesley on her incredible achievements shortly after her appearance at the Olympics.

She may be at Haliburton's Rotary Mile and Carnival on August 7, said Mrs. Tashlin.

Lesley will defend her title as national women's champion in the 100m hurdles the next day in Kitchener at the Canadian Nationals, so it may be difficult for her to get to the event.

But, if possible, she would like to attend, her mother said.



Two, two, two holes in one - on same day!

Fore! Golfers at Blairhampton Golf Course broke a record or two recently, with two holes in one being scored at the course on the same day.

On Sunday, June 30, Eric Percival of Toronto scored a hole in one on the second hole. Using a five wood, Percival hit the ball 164 yards.

Meanwhile, on the seventh hole, Pete Vanleeuwen of Minden hit a hole in one using a three wood. Vanleeuwen hit the ball a distance of 242 yards.

While there have been several holes in one recorded on the second hole, staff of Blairhampton say its been many years, if ever, since there was a hole in one recorded on the seventh hole.

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SUMMER FUN: On a warm sunny day, what could be more fun than playing parachute games in Head Lake Park? C.H.A.C.E Place organized such an activity last week.

Haliburton Legion to sponsor track and field club

by PAUL MORISSETTE

In order to expand opportunities for young athletes to compete in the sport of track and field, a number of interested individuals have banded together to form the Haliburton Track and Field Club.

The Haliburton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has agreed to sponsor the local club. The Legion sponsors provincial and national youth track and field competitions across Canada.

The Haliburton Club has already set plans to have a coun-

ty-wide youth meet for kids between the ages of 7 and 14. The club has also made arrangements to participate in the Legion championships and the Ontario Track and Field Association Championships.

This past weekend three individuals competed in the OTFA Midget-Junior Championships in Sudbury. Kate Campbell gave the provincial record holder, Jessica Zetinka from London, a strong challenge in the hurdle events. Kate ran a 12.03 80 meter hurdles into a head wind to place with the silver and duplicated the feat in the 300

meter hurdles with a strong 46.26 run. Travis Willison won a bronze medal in the pole vault with a jump of 3.70 meters and place fifth in the final of the sprint hurdles with a 15.7 time.

Stephanie Ratz ran strong races in the 1500 and 3000 meter runs setting personal bests of 5.13 and 11.15 in each and placing seventh in a field of 26 distance runners.

This weekend a contingent of local athletes will be travelling to Brantford to compete in the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Championships.

Pat Kennedy appointed to advisory board

Haliburton resident Pat Kennedy is one of 11 people appointed to a new Fish and Wildlife Advisory Board, an agency created by the Ontario government to provide advice on how best to reinvest revenue from fish and wildlife licence fees, royalties and fines.

"The Ontario government wants to ensure that the money people pay to use our fish and wildlife resources goes toward sustaining those resources today and in the future," said Minister of Natural Resources Chris Hodgson, speaking recently at a fishing derby in Beaverton. "I look forward to receiving the advice of the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Board on the best possible use of fish and wildlife revenues."

The Ontario government recently changed the law to allow revenue from fish and wildlife licence fees, royalties and fines to be dedicated to fish and wildlife management. As of April 1,

1996, all revenues received under the authority of the Game and Fish Act - currently about \$43 million a year - go into a separate revenue account to support fish and wildlife activities.

Kennedy is vice president of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, a former executive member of the Ontario Snowmobile Racing Federation, and a past president and charter member of the Kinsmen Club of Haliburton. He previously owned a sporting goods store in Haliburton.

The functions of the board include:

- Advising the Minister on the distribution of funds from the special purpose account which contains the revenue from fish and wildlife licence fees, royalties and fines.
- Commenting on the distribution of other funds from consolidated revenue for the purpose of fish and wildlife management.

Haliburton Minor Baseball

• Standings as of July 5 •

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	T	GB
Indians (Bishop and Wilson)	4	1	2	-
Yankees (Haliburton Lumber)	3	1	3	.5
Red Sox (Kennisis Lake Marine)	3	4	0	2
Blue Jays (Emmerson Lumber)	1	5	0	4.0

Last week's results: Indians 8; Yankees 8; Red Sox; 10; Blue Jays 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	T	GB
Cardinals (Home Town Fashions)	5	2	0	-
Royals (Halco Electronics)	5	2	0	-
Athletics (Sharpley Sports)	2	5	0	3
Orioles (McKeck's Place)	2	5	0	3

Last week's results: Cardinals 17; Athletics 12; Royals 11; Orioles 10.

CANADIAN LEAGUE	W	L	T	GB
Phillies (G.J. Burtch Construction)	5	2	0	-
Pirates (Valu Mart)	5	2	0	-
Marlins (Curry Motors)	4	2	1	.5
Rockies (Rodco Enterprises)	3	4	0	2
Brewers (Hal. Home Hardware)	2	5	0	3
Dodgers (Cnty. Comm. Printers)	1	5	1	3.5

Last week's results: Marlins 10; Dodgers 4; Phillies 12; Rockies 11; Pirates 15, Brewers 12.

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Gone fishin' on Head Lake

Boys enjoy free fishing weekend in special way

Three young fishing enthusiasts who put pen to paper to express enthusiasm for their sport have enjoyed a day's fishing on Lake Kashagawigamog.

The boys, Dustin Prindiville, Trevour Trantau and Norman Smith, won a day-long fishing trip after entering an essay writing competition sponsored by the Ontario Conservation Officers Association and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association.

And what did the boys have to say about fishing in their stories?

"My family is into fishing and, not to brag or anything but, we're pretty good," writes Norman. "It is nice to just get away for a few minutes and well, excuse the expression, wet a line!"

"It's not how many fish you catch or how big they are, it is just enjoying the time that you have!"

Dustin is also a big fan of the family fishing trip.

"When we are outdoors fishing it gives us the chance to be together and have fun instead of worrying about household duties and chores," he writes.

"It isn't so much the fishing itself that is important but the time that we get to spend together doing something we like."

Trevour Trantau believes fishing is a good family sports because both girls and boys are equally skilled.

"As long as you are old enough to be around a hook, you're old enough to have fun and catch fish. It is also not expensive if you use your money wisely, for example, look for worms at night and frogs and crayfish in the daytime instead of buying them," Trevour writes.

Sounds like a day's fishing is exactly what these boys would enjoy!



IS THAT FISH IN THE PAN? Saturday's lunch on the lawn of the Haliburton MNR fire station was special for three young boys, who won a free day on the lake as part of a promotion by the Ontario Conservation Officers Association and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association. After a morning of fishing, Trevour Trantau, Dustin Prindiville and Norm Smith had a campfire cookout with Bill Hutson of the Minden MNR.

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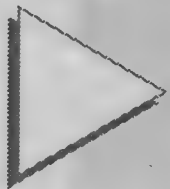
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ASTHMA

by **SUE CARR**
HHSS Co-Op Student, and
Asthma Sufferer

After being diagnosed with asthma only recently, I admit I still knew nothing about this extremely common breathing illness. Why did I cough so much? How do I use my inhaler? And what is asthma anyway?

Over 1,200,000 Canadians suffer from asthma. To help the asthma sufferers of Haliburton County, a free information meeting was held by The Lung Association recently.

Brenda Hannivan, the volunteer president of Victoria/Haliburton Lung Association, seemed to truly help the wondering crowd, answering any questions and giving full demonstrations on inhaler use. She began the meeting with a brief history of The Lung Association, which began in 1908 as the Tuberculosis Association, and allowed us to watch an informative video that listed the following facts:

* For 1 in 5 Canadians, breathing is a problem.

* 30,000 people die per year from lung disease.

* Smoking is the major cause of chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and lung cancer.

Then Hannivan explained that,

"what's really important is that you get your questions answered." Breathing a (somewhat wheezy) sigh of relief, the crowd seemed to relax a little bit. Hannivan relaxed the mood even more as she made light of a serious topic.

Holding up a diagram of "The Respiratory Tract," she pointed out each airway and muscle, using such terms as "Highway 35", "Highway 121", and "small, dirt roads and drive-ways" to explain what asthma is. And seeing a small teddy bear with a nebulizer mask covering its face, made us realize that children suffer from asthma as much as adults do.

WHAT IS ASTHMA?

Asthma is an illness in which people have repeated episodes of breathing difficulties due to narrowing of the airways (tubes) in lungs. The lungs of asthma sufferers are extra-sensitive, and when they become irritated, the strings of muscle surrounding the lungs pull themselves tight, making the lungs smaller. Your lungs become inflamed too, and fill with mucus, and this all makes it harder for air to get through. If you don't have asthma, you can't catch it from an asthma sufferer. Asthma is sometimes due to heredity. However, most children of asth-

Approximately 5% of Canadians have asthma, an illness which impairs their ability to breath. The Echo's co-op student, Sue Carr, is one of them



QUESTIONS ANSWERED: Co-op student Sue Carr, who was recently diagnosed with asthma, now knows a lot more about the common ailment. She shares some of her findings with readers.

matic parents do not have asthma.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS? In severe asthmatic episodes, there are many features including coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, and chest tightness. It is important to recognize milder episodes of asthma as well. These may involve only a cough or breathlessness after exertion, a "cold" or virus infection.

WHAT TRIGGERS IT? Not all people with asthma react to

the same triggers and some people will be affected more severely than others, however, among the most common triggers include; smoke fumes, fumes, irritants, exercise, animals, pollens, molds, infection, emotion (such as laughing or crying), work related products, and certain medications. Dust mites are the major cause of allergy and asthma problems. Even if you're as good a homemaker as Martha Stewart, dust mites still exist in your home. Hannivan made the crowd twitch when she informed us that owning a five-year old pillow, is not "a good thing" (as Ms.

Stewart would say), because 50% of its weight is dust mites. Kind of persuades even the laziest, healthiest, homeowner to clean, doesn't it?

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE ASTHMA? Recurrent bouts of wheezing, coughing, or shortness of breath are most likely to be due to asthma. If you suspect you have asthma, see your family doctor, who will likely administer a Peak Flow Rate test. This test is simple, pain-free, and children over five or six years old are able to do it.

WHAT TYPE OF MEDICATION DO I TAKE? The **RELIEVERS** (or Bronchodilators), relax the muscles in the bronchial tubes and provide rapid relief of asthma symptoms. The **PREVENTERS**, reduce inflammation in the airways and prevent asthma symptoms. Many people take both, and the common dosage is four times, twice daily. There are many types of administers for the medication, and it's best to talk to your doctor to see which one suits your needs, and how to use it properly.

The most important points to remember are that "asthma can, in most circumstances, be prevented or controlled." And that with appropriate medical care, people with asthma can lead normal active lives.

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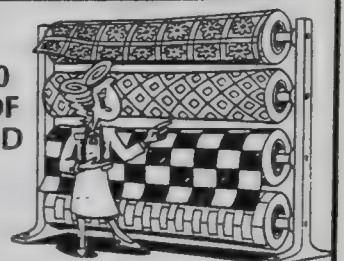
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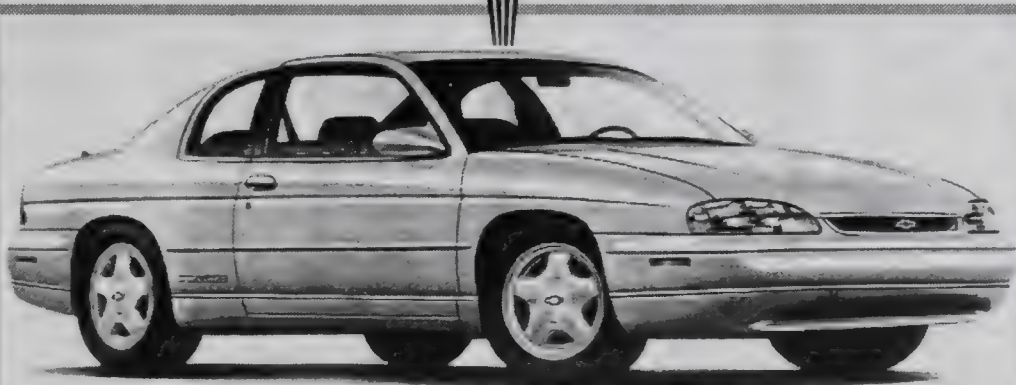
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Snowdon Park is abuzz with sounds of ... improvements

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

The sounds of nature in Snowdon Park were replaced by the pounding of hammers and scraping of saws last week, but no-one was complaining - it was all for a good cause.

The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists have taken on the stewardship of Snowdon Park and enlisted the help of trail design and construction course students from Sir Sandford Fleming College at Lindsay to make some much-

needed repairs to some of the park's facilities.

One of the students' biggest tasks was to repair the park's boardwalk, which had deteriorated badly and was almost unusable.

Debbie Everitt from the Field Naturalists said the boardwalk will be extended all the way to a planned viewing platform which overlooks an area of marshland.

Plans are also underway to make the boardwalk wheelchair accessible.

The students spent three days at the park last week in what

was an important part of their course, says student James Kring.

Kring was firmly in favour of bringing the class to the park and allowing them to carry out hands-on work, rather than learning totally through theory.

Everitt said the students plan to return to Snowdon Park in the fall to carry out more work.

But for the Field Naturalists, the next task will be in about a week's time, when trail brushing is carried out.

Everitt said the goal of the Field Naturalists is to preserve



ACTIVE LEARNING: Glen Oakley and Cory Wigfield, two Sir Sandford Fleming College students, help mend a walkway bridge at the naturalist area.

the environment in its natural state and to provide educational opportunities for naturalists, students and outdoor enthusiasts.

She said in addition to the work carried out by the students, the Field Naturalists' project had been supplied by Peter

Schleifenbaum, who donated timber, Carl and Kevin Harrison who trucked the timber and Kay Enterprises and Byron Woodman, who donated windows for the small cabin in Snowdon Park.

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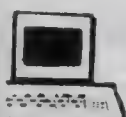
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Lone Wolf:

Only one wolf returns to Haliburton Forest after it's discovered the female wasn't pregnant after all

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The sole surviving member of the wolf pack destroyed at Haliburton Forest following a fatal mauling attack on an employee in April has been returned to the wildlife reserve's wolf enclosure.

When the attack occurred, the two-year-old male timber wolf was on loan to Laurentian University in Sudbury, where he had been since December as part of a research project.

On Friday, David Bishop, Jr., supervisor of Haliburton Forest's new wolf interpretive centre, brought the wolf back to the 15-acre enclosure where it was born.

Haliburton Forest had also planned to pick up the wolf's mate plus their litter of pups on Friday.

Researchers at Laurentian University believed the female had delivered young close to a month ago. They didn't actually enter the wolves' enclosure to see the pups, but made their determination based on observations of the adult wolves' behaviour.

However, when Bishop arrived to make the pick-up on Friday, it was discovered that there were no young in the wolves' den.

Haliburton Forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum said it is possible the female may have moved her pups to another location in the university's enclosure.

"There is still a chance that there might be pups in another den the researchers don't know

about," he said Saturday.

But if it is discovered the female didn't deliver any young, the university will send Haliburton Forest another female wolf that does have pups to live with the mating pair, said Schleifenbaum.

Researchers were unable to tranquilize the female wolf on Friday in order to put her into a kennel for the trip to Haliburton Forest.

A "darter" armed with a tranquilizer gun couldn't get a safe shot at the wolf's hind quarters, said Schleifenbaum.

"She kept moving around," he explained. "... He didn't want to hit her in the chest because then

there's a chance of the wolf dying."

Some time this week, the two-year-old wolf will be tranquilized and transported to Haliburton Forest to be with her mate.

With the arrival of the male wolf, and the anticipated arrival of his mate some time this week, Haliburton Forest has officially opened the doors to its wolf centre (See County Life for a profile on the facility).

Until Tricia Wyman's shocking mauling death on April 18, Forest staff had been busily preparing for the official opening of the centre, which was scheduled for the May long

weekend.

Wyman, a 24-year-old wildlife biologist, had been hired to manage Haliburton Forest's newly built wolf centre. During her fourth day on the job, she was killed by the wolves while alone in their 15-acre enclosure.

Afterward, it seemed unlikely the project would be revived.

However, a massive outpouring of support from hundreds of people convinced Haliburton Forest to replace the wolves and continue on with the project.

The wolf centre opened unofficially on the Canada Day long weekend.

Despite the absence of the facility's main attraction — the

wolf pack — about 400 people dropped by for a free visit to see its many displays, pieces of art, videos and artifacts.

Haliburton Forest is expecting the centre to become a major tourist attraction for the area.

"It's hoped there will be large numbers of people who come here who have to come through the county to get here," said Bishop.

A similar facility in Minnesota, located further away from large population centres, attracts 60,000 visitors annually.

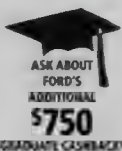
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Saving money on food bills

by Diana Williams

You can save money on your food bills by staying alert! If you watch what is going on at the checkout you can often see if a mistake is being made and save yourself money.

One common mistake is for items to be punched in at the regular price when they are on special. For some reason or other they may not show up on the computer as a sale item. Try to keep a rough idea of how much things are as you go. As the cashier is punching in the items it's okay to ask the cost of something. If it's too much you don't have to

buy it.

Ask the cashier for totals before you get to the end of your groceries. Then you can tell if you are going to be short of money. It's a good idea to leave items you don't really need until the end. Then if you are short you can leave them.

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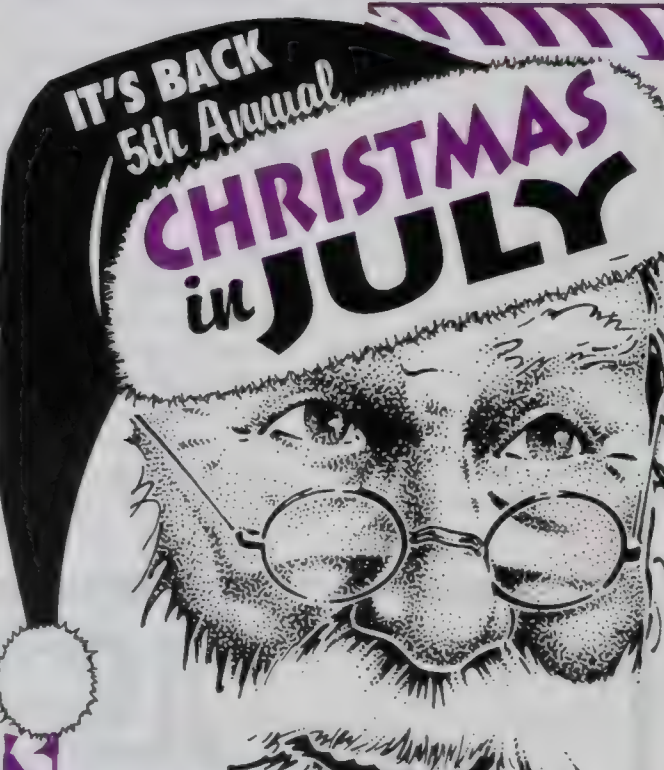
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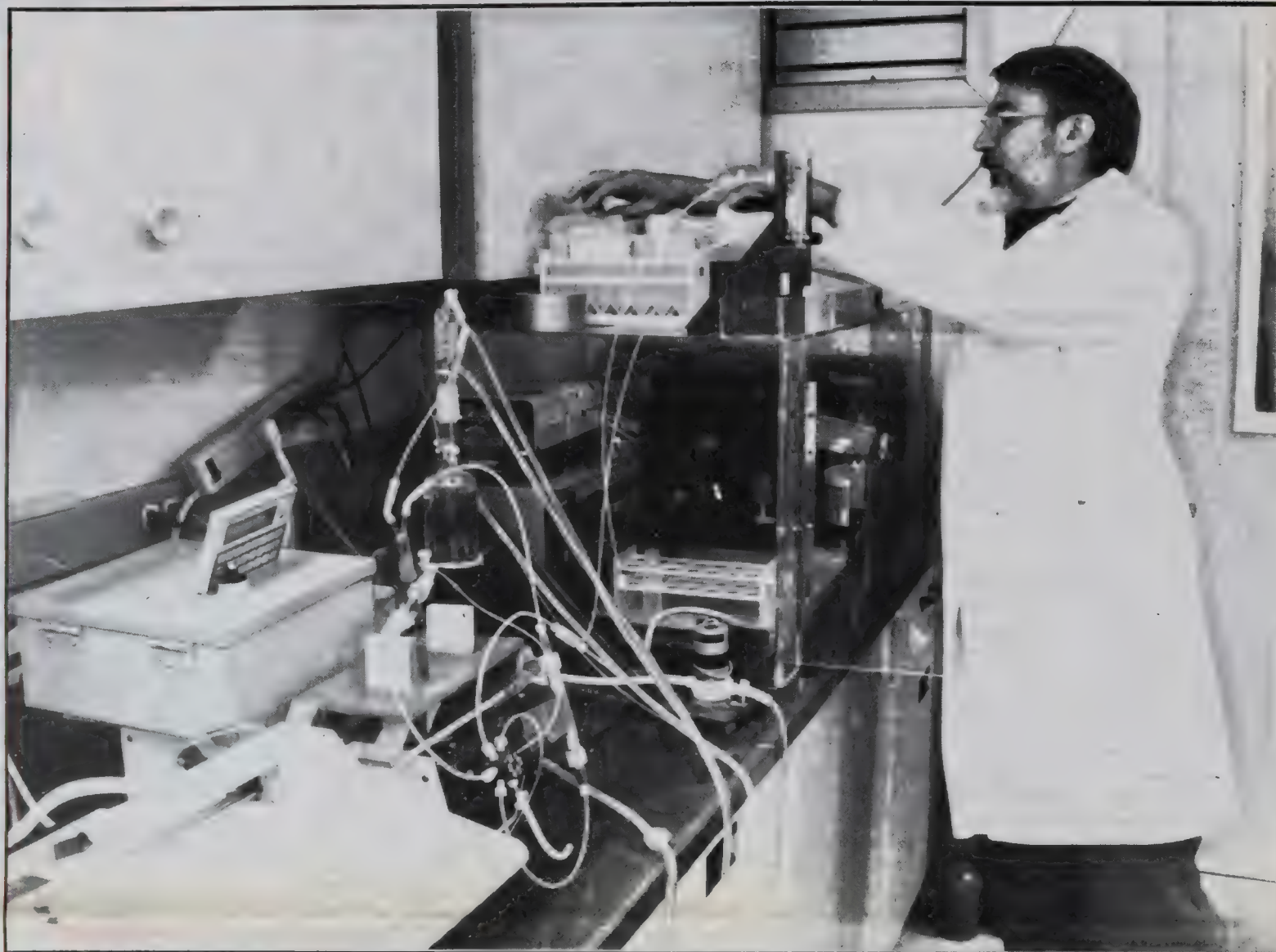
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Determination

and duct tape

Human ingenuity gets a little help at the Dorset research centre



DUCT TAPE:

Dr. Greg Mierle works on a machine he invented to detect mercury in water in parts per trillion. Notice the handy location of the duct tape, which has been known to hold everything together

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

FOR THE PAST 10 years, scientist Greg Mierle has been sitting on a padded stool in one of the laboratories at the Dorset Environmental Science Centre, trying to figure out why fish in nearby lakes had dangerously high levels of mercury in their systems.

Today, as Mierle (pronounced My-er-lee) prepares to let the rest of the scientific community know of his conclusions and recommendations, that chair is showing a lot more of its age than its occupant, whose salt and pepper beard is one of the only indications he's old enough to say he's worked at the centre for 14 years — and earned his PhD before that.

Duct tape holds the back of the chair's black padding to the metal frame but on the seat, the yellow foam wins the battle of the bulge and grins in mockery at the high level of scientific research it has cushioned.

In these days of government cutbacks, duct tape certainly comes in handy. After having to lay off six employees in the spring because its Ministry of Environment and Energy funding was reduced, it's not likely the Centre will be putting in a requisition for new chairs.

But that's politics. Duct tape is science.

In a few years, as governments

and industry begin to clean up the problems that caused the mercury poisoning in the first place, duct tape will once again be able to claim a little bit of the credit. Because one of the reasons why Mierle had to sit in that chair for 10 years is that after initial results suggested the contamination was caused by the rain that fell into those lakes, he then had to "invent" a

machine that could measure mercury in water in parts per trillion. (That's one lonely 1 followed by nine — count 'em nine — 0s.) No one else had done the research so no one else had devised a machine sensitive enough to detect such minute traces of the mineral. Mierle also had to be ingenious enough

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DETERMINATION:

Into every research centre monitor, a little rain must fall — and scientists must measure its components to detect any changes. Because of such meticulous attention to detail, the Centre's research helped to find solutions to acid rain, the environmental issue of the '80s. This photo shows a collection of monitors behind the main buildings

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to make a machine that wouldn't be spooked simply by breathing on it. It turned out that a machine which could detect parts per trillion in water could also detect the vapour given off by the mercury fillings in his teeth. And Mierle didn't become one of the world's top experts on mercury contamination in fish by contaminating the results with his dental work.

International respect and leading the pack of scientific research has its price, however. It took Mierle two years of tinkering to come up with a machine that seems deceptively simple. His explanation of how it works is not so simple for people who miraculously avoided blowing up their high school with a Bunsen burner in Grade 11 science. Suffice to say, his machine does its job efficiently and effectively – even though parts of it are held together with duct tape, handily kept within reaching distance. (Other parts are held together with a red tape, but there are a few scientific-looking gadgets, too.)

To over-simplify Mierle's work, when things such as old thermostats are thrown in the dump, over time some of the mercury they contain becomes a gas. That gas is picked up by the atmosphere and falls as rain. Although it falls in parts per trillion, it is absorbed and ingested by a series of aquatic plants and fish, working its way up the

food chain. By the time the fisherman catches his lake trout or walleye from certain lakes, he's cautioned about eating it because the level of mercury has reached one part per million – or three 0s less. In Ontario, 90% of walleye have restrictions on eating, found in a guide jointly produced by the MoEE and Ministry of Natural Resources. Who's there to warn the osprey, mink and otters?

Some people may question why someone would spend 10 years on a task – and why governments should support such an endeavour. But think back 10 years. What was the number one issue in the Highlands, and other lake areas? Acid rain. It is because of previous work done at the Centre that we rarely feel the need to talk about acid rain any more. After years of painstaking research, the Centre came up with incontrovertible proof of the damage acid rain was causing. (The Centre's work was even profiled in a National Geographic article, a stamp of scientific approval. On Saturday, its research on spiny water fleas was featured in the Globe and Mail.) The resulting public and political pressure forced many of the main culprits, especially those south of the border, to reduce the emissions that were causing northern lakes to atrophy and become virtually lifeless. Imagine the Highlands with dead lakes.

The danger of mercury contamination today is at the same

stage as the dangers posed by acid rain when Mierle began his research. That's why even though one danger has passed, the work done at the centre's team of 21 scientists, researchers and support staff is as equally significant.

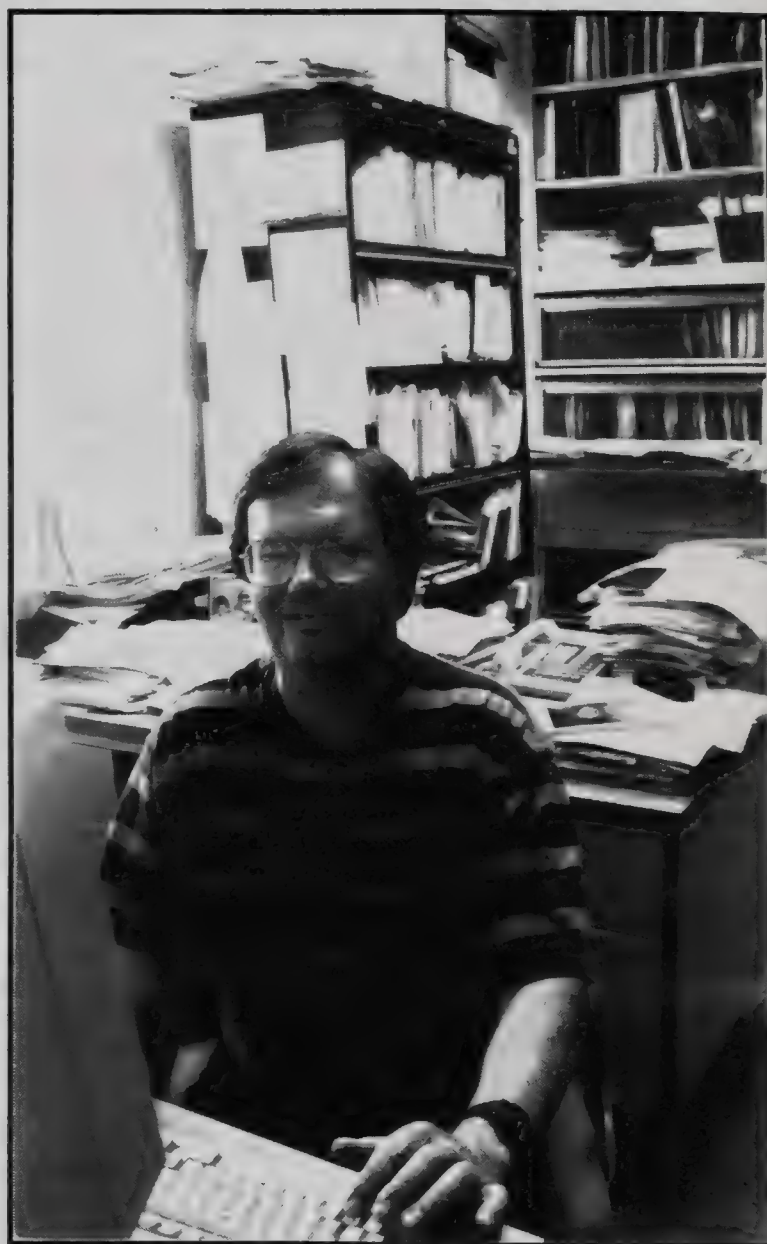
One broken thermostat could eventually contaminate an entire lake, says the Centre's manager, Peter Dillon, who has also explained much of the process behind Mierle's work. Science may seem expensive, but it can literally save governments millions of dollars. It is much more cost effective to have the Centre ring the warning bells than it is to pay for the clean up after the problem gets out of control.

"We want to be able to convince people a clean environment is cheaper," says Dillon. "We have to get over the concept that we make a mess and clean it up later... If we let things go, when we have to clean up it will cost us astronomically."

Dillon takes all the complex work being done at the Centre and give it a simple analogy. With human health, there are three medical activities: assessment, that trip to the doctor's office; treatment, when the doctor finds out there is indeed something wrong; and prevention, so we don't have to go to the doctor's again – or even find the need to make the first appointment.

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research and finely honed testing mechanisms, the doctor tells us we have a build up of cholesterol in our heart arteries. If the situation is really bad, surgery is an option. But first the doctor suggests we cut down on the fat in our diet. Assessment, treatment and prevention. Three circles, linked together for life.

"The key processes we use to manage our health are the same as managing the eco-system," Dillon says. "We need to assess the health of the environment, prevent stress and in some cases remediate, provide some sort of environmental cure..."

"(At the Centre,) we interpret the measures of eco-system health. When there's a problem, we find out why. Then we find a remedial situation."

The problem is we like french fries. We also like being able to turn up the mercury-filled thermostat on cold winter nights. Just as people often ignore habits that our good for our health, they wait until something bad happens in the environment — such as the tremendous climate changes the Centre has been working on understanding — before feeling compelled to act. So when some people were adding limestone to their lakes to counteract the acidity of the rain, "a far more sensible" solution is cutting back the amount of acid that goes into the environment.

Dillon doesn't argue that we should try to turn back the clock to when Ontario was a pristine hinterland. But the constant push forward must be accompanied by a reminder of environmental costs.

For instance, much of the Centre's research on mercury contamination has taken place on a handful of lakes in the Huntsville area, just a few kilometres away from where the Centre straddles the Haliburton Highlands and Muskoka. This is prime cottage country, and what cottager wants to know that for some reason,

those lakes have a higher than average concentration of mercury? Although contamination hasn't reached the point where human health is threatened, that's still not good news for the local economy, which relies on those cottagers feeling good about the area.

Two-thirds of the mercury in the lakes comes from human activity, and it is human activity at the Centre which will help come up with cures and preventative treatment. "We're at the point now where we're proposing solutions, which is the big step," Dillon says. Those solutions will focus on the disposal of products which contain mercury. Paints and batteries used to contain mercury, but manufacturers voluntarily took them out a few years ago. Now the

Centre has the research to back up its plan to go even farther afield.

Dillon is obviously very committed to the Centre, which despite its utilitarian outer façade, is filled with people who care very deeply about the work they're doing. Greg Mierle didn't sit in that stool for 10 years to test when cushions would begin to wear out. A weekly paycheck isn't the only motivation, either.

"There are no data sets on American lakes that compare to what we have gathered here," Dillon says, his natural modesty overcome momentarily by a fierce pride in his recently-beleaguered workplace. Maybe it's natural for Canadians not to blow their own horn, he says, but at least the Centre staff knows "we're globally recognized, not by the public, but in the scientific community. You couldn't go to a country where they have lakes and not find someone who hasn't heard of Dorset."

Soon they'll be hearing of what happens when too much mercury falls into those lakes. But at least the Dorset Environmental Science Centre is as good at finding the cure as it is at detailing the illness. A little duct tape comes in handy, too.

HEALTH

"The key processes we use to manage our health are the same as managing the eco-system,"

Dillon says

Dorset centre's role is changing more towards client service, Ministry says

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Ministry of Environment and Energy is working on the assumption that "good science is the basis of good public policy," but that doesn't mean the Dorset Environmental Science Centre is immune to budget cutbacks, says a ministry spokesperson.

Earlier this summer, six employees at the centre were laid off because of reductions in funding. "In the new business plan, we were looking to surplus a large number of employees," says David Thompson, director of science and technology at the Ministry's head office at Queens Park. The Ministry is determining which of its operations are "core" services and how it can provide those services at less cost.

"It's fair to say that in these times of constraint, we have to look at what we do — are there better ways to do it," he said in a recent interview. "The way we see Dorset going is client service."

That means continuing to assess threats to the environment but also coming up with innovative remedies such as lakeshore capacity models and alternative septic system technology, work already in progress in Dorset.

"Dorset has a role; albeit it's changing," he said.

The Ministry is looking for other sources of external funding, such as the federal government and industry. "There's a host of collaborative opportunities... (We need) non-traditional ways of doing some science but doing it faster, which will bode well for Ontario."

Some citizens have said the cutbacks indicate a lessening resolve on the part of the government to protect the environment. Thompson says "I think our Ministry has come out solidly behind preserving the environment and being tough on polluters".

In the future there will be fewer regulations and more voluntary compliance. Minister of Natural Resources Chris Hodgson has said although regulations are changing — such as discontinuing burning permits — the flip side is people who break the rules face much harsher and more expensive penalties.

"In the future there will be reverse onus (of responsibility)," he said during a recent interview. Whereas before ministries would set policies and make sure people followed them, now people must prove beforehand they are complying to all the regulations.

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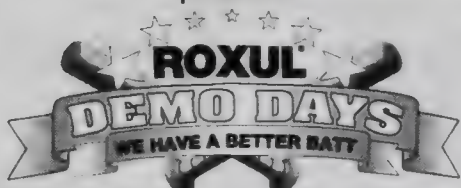
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Highland revellers mark Canada Day



In Minden, Canada Day celebrations included a crazy craft race (above), an antique car show (below), where Marilyn Prest and her friend Karen Owen's show the Best of Show prize Don Prest won for his 1947 Pontiac, and (left) dancers step out to Kidd Country.



The day after Canada Day

by Ev Stata

Say adieu to that old Chevy,
Wave goodbye to that Toyota
They're heading back to old T.O.
And maybe even Minnesota!
Yes, sunburnt red and down in the mouth
They're striking back for their home down south.
They've had a grand weekend up at the lake
Swimming and sunning and fishing for splake;
And celebrating the birth of our Country dear
Which won't happen again for another year;
They've loudly sang "O Canada" and waved the flag
With a tear in their eye - they love to brag
'Bout the freedom and joy of living up here
And they'll be back for the fun again next year!
Yes, we've seen them all off with spirits low
But aren't we all glad we don't have to go?



In Haliburton, BIA manager June White, Dysart deputy-reeve Bill Davis, Marian Markowski and Miles Halls of Rachel's Bakery serve hungry Highland St. shoppers free Canada Day cake, compliments of Rachel's Bakery and Easton's valu-mart.

Get your 'blades on, here comes Ed

Fast-moving Ed Muenzel keeps summer school running 'fine' behind the scenes

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

Ed Muenzel warns fellow travellers that they should have been issued with a pair of roller blades in order to keep up with him. He isn't kidding.

While his official title may be maintenance handyman, Muenzel should really be known as a miracle-worker.

While almost 3000 students and teachers are enjoying the facilities at the Haliburton School of Fine Arts, Muenzel is one of the dedicated staff from Sir Sandford Fleming College who works behind the scenes to ensure the program runs as smoothly as possible.

"People are only here for a week, so we don't want them to be kept waiting," Muenzel says as he jumps behind the wheel of his van and prepares to tackle his next task.

It's a little after 10 a.m. and Muenzel has already been at work for four hours.

Awoken by his "alarm-cat" at 4:00 a.m. (yes, he does mean four o'clock in the morning!), Muenzel is at work by 6, a good two hours before the first staff and students.

His first job for the day is to check on the equipment being used, ensuring there is nothing which needs to be repaired before classes begin.

Then he unlocks the buildings and checks the classrooms to see if any notes have been left for him, asking for repairs to equipment or making special requests.

By 8:00 a.m. the first students are arriving and Muenzel is already off again, zipping around Haliburton in his van as he caters to their needs.

A little after 10:00 a.m. Muenzel appears in the School of



ZIPPING ALONG: Ed Muenzel and his van are a familiar sight around Haliburton in the summer. Muenzel works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the School of Fine Arts running smoothly.

Fine Arts office, set up for the summer at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, to collect his journalist visitor and touch base with the other staff.

Gathering up a stray message or two and he's off again, leaving others struggling to keep up.

Back in the van, Muenzel zips over to the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School building. His first stop is the school gymnasium, which had to be prepared for Scottish dancing lessons.

Running a critical eye around the room, Muenzel nods his approval, then sets off again.

This time it's upstairs to the doll making class - here he delivers a doll, belonging to a student from another class, which is in need of some repairs.

Chatting casually with teacher and students, Muenzel carefully sets down the delicate wood nymph and then disappears again.

As he makes his way out of the building, Muenzel calls in on sev-

eral classes, everything from picture framing to watercolour painting, greeting the teachers and students cheerily as he checks on what needs to be done to prepare the rooms for the following week's classes.

Then it's back into the van for a quick trip down to check on the faculty cottages used by teachers. Muenzel and his team are responsible for all the maintenance work on the cottages and grounds and Muenzel likes to stay one step ahead when it comes to repairs - a quick check shows all is well for the time being.

That done, it's over to the Industrial Park Road classroom to ensure all is well in the iron sculpture class and to make sure the propane gas supplies are ready for upcoming glass-blowing classes.

Driving past the high school building, Muenzel notices a School of Fine Arts sign has blown down and makes a mental

note to fix it as soon as possible.

Muenzel likes to stay at least a week ahead in his planning. Keeping everything running smoothly is a matter of prioritizing and staying organized, he says.

Between Muenzel and his nighttime counterpart, some 400 or 500 kilometres are clocked up on the van each week during the six weeks the School of Fine Arts runs.

And what are some of the more unusual problems Muenzel has been asked to solve? Well don't think his talents stop with being able to repair broken equipment or produce much-needed supplies from his almost magical storage facilities.

No, Muenzel says, the most unusual request came when an art model failed to arrive and Muenzel had to turn his hand to posing for students. He says he enjoyed the experience, but stopped short of shedding his

clothes.

It's hard to imagine Muenzel being able to sit still long enough for anyone to capture his image on paper. Muenzel has a seemingly endless supply of energy, although the 59-year-old insists he is "slowing down".

For anyone trying desperately to keep up with his dizzying pace, it's a welcome relief to hear that Muenzel has slowed down somewhat.

While he does indeed move at a speed most people would be unable to match, Muenzel's real talent comes from an incredible memory.

He rarely keeps notes, but can casually list off the equipment requirements of most teachers who have been teaching at the School of Fine Arts for more than a year or two.

Glancing at the equipment lists which teachers are required to return, Muenzel points to several names and adds requirements which, although not listed, he knows will come up.

Whether its good lighting for a drawing class or portable sinks for the basket weavers, Muenzel knows about it and has met the requirements before a request is made.

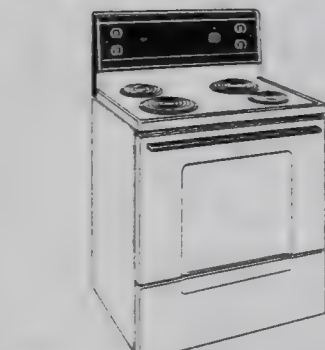
A self-confessed childhood "packrat", Muenzel has supplies of everything from toilet paper to microwave ovens on hand and ready. He is even able to supply the mosaic class with pieces of broken pottery which have been discarded from the pottery class.

School of Fine Arts teacher Wendy Ladurantaye describes Muenzel as "one of the greatest problem solvers in the country... No matter what you ask for, it will be done."

Having worked for the School of Fine Arts for somewhere around 13 years, Muenzel has built up a rapport with many of the teachers and students. He even admits to playing the occasional practical joke, although he is always mindful of respecting the concentration of students and staff.

And all this is achieved in a 40-hour working week, Muenzel adds as he leaves his visitor and once more heads out to solve problems that are probably yet to arise.

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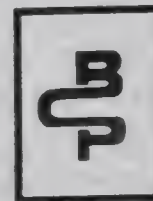
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A lifelong love of writing

Horace Brown reflects on a distinguished media career

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

Horace Brown may have officially started his media career at the age of 17, but he has been writing almost since he was old enough to hold a pen. And at 87, he's still at it.

Brown, now a resident of Hyland Crest at Minden, has joined The Echo's team of columnists and is writing Senior League news.

This appointment is only the latest in a string of positions which began when Brown joined the staff of The Toronto Star at the age of 17.

He recalls fondly his days at The Star, the place he learned the basics of journalism - the who, what, where, when, why and how.

During his stint at The Star, Brown had the opportunity to write news stories, as well as short fiction for The Star Weekly. Later he worked for his home-town Ottawa Citizen, but a falling out with the city editor saw him seeking alternative employment, which he found in radio.

When Brown began writing, directing and producing for radio, he found a job he loved.

Eventually, Brown became the



DISTINGUISHED CAREER: Horace Brown displays *Encore*, a book filled with a selection of his works.

chief scriptwriter and first script editor for the Canadian Radio

Broadcasting Commission and its successor, the Canadian

Broadcasting Corporation.

It was through friends at CBC that Brown met his future wife Lorraine, with whom he will celebrate 60 years of marriage on August 1.

Brown fondly recalls a honeymoon spent just outside of Ottawa before he and his bride settled into married life. Two daughters and a son were added to the family.

Brown worked for CBC for many years before joining the staff of several advertising agencies

Later he was hired by Ontario Hydro and worked as the organization's radio and television editor for 22 years.

Brown also served as an alderman for the City of Toronto for 12 years.

He and wife Lorraine moved to Minden about a month ago to be closer to their daughter, Hillary Brown.

In a lifetime of writing, both fiction and factual material, Brown has published several books.

In addition to several mystery stories, Brown in 1977 published a book called *Encore*, which contains a selection of works from throughout his life.

He points out a particular story, called *Resurrection*, writ-

ten in 1935, and explains why it holds special meaning for him.

Brown wrote the story while at CBC and on a whim decided to send it to a friend who was working in radio in New York. The friend, impressed by the story about the Unknown Soldier and the tragedy of war, sent it to the Rudy Vallee Hour.

The story Brown wrote in a lunch hour was presented on the popular show and prompted an astonishing 10,000 requests for copies in New York City alone.

So popular was *Resurrection* that it was actually repeated on the show, something of a rarity, Brown says.

While he may be retired and the effects of a childhood bout of polio forcing him to slow down, Brown's interest in writing has not lessened.

What does he think of the media of today?

"I think the media when I was younger was brighter, but I think the media today is well done - I read it all the time," he says. "And I think there are a lot more facts available to use in stories today."

And Brown will keep surveying the media, always checking that the 5Ws are still being explained.

Horace Brown's story, "Resurrection"

"Why am I here? This earth-bound corpse, mid-thrust 'twixt heaven and hell, is not the answer to Eternity. This mouldering remnant of a vacant shell is not a housing for nobility. This greening husk, smelling of clay but falling not asunder, is not the ultimate desire. Then, why am I here?"

I wander aimless, but I go unseen. No friendly hands

reach out to quell the horror of my emptiness. I quicken not when eager voices near. I bend to play with laughing children, and find their laughter stilled. I cup a rose to grasp in hunger at its scent, and the rose withers and the petals fall away. I cry in vain for understanding, for in all the world there is no one to understand.

Once again men talk of War.

The sky darkens and a leaden hail of wantonness descends upon a screeching earth. Leaders who have felt the pain of useless combat have forgotten. Winged legions thunder through the twilight of a civilization. Hunger and fear and blood stalk silent through the streets of death. There is talk again of Armageddon. I cry aloud for peace, but no one

heeds my cry.

Then why am I here? There is some distant message beating upon my brain, forbidding me the balm of sleep eternal. Some words are there that yet can save Man from himself, if I could but remember. But I am betrayed by the mists of lust and greed and pain that rise around me. I am a soul not lost nor gained; I am nothing and I

am everything.

Why have they not let me slumber in peace?

I remember that August afternoon when I first fell asleep. The world trembled with the shock of barrage, as we struggled over poisonous ground. All the earth seemed heaving to meet the unclouded, untroubled blue of the heavens. My com-

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Ode to the Unknown Soldier

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rades were melting away from around me. Suddenly I stood alone. There was no fear in my heart, only gladness, as I sensed the ultimate moment. I was being called to rest.

I felt pain and yet there was no pain. I stood outside myself and watched that insane, twisted thing that had been my home for three-and-thirty years leap and convulse in frightful torment. I even pitied the hurtful agony of the contorted features. But in this detached part of me there was no pain, and I slept.

Why was I not left alone? They wakened me with clanging shovels. It was raining. The mud clung to my casket, good, clean, wet mud. I was awake again, yet I knew I was dead. Sleep had been so perfect, so seemingly everlasting. They spoke in course voices, as they

placed my clay upon a cart and carried me away.

And then I could not sleep. Some inner voice kept urging me to wakefulness. My clay did not move, had no vitality, but my soul lived. I was resurrected.

They took me on a boat. I smelt the sea; the fog engulfed me; I almost slept again. In hushed voices, they asked each other who I was and no one knew. And I could not tell them for I did not know myself. If I had known, I could not have told them. They would have thought it only the sighing of the wind. It was then I first had the feeling I had words to speak, if I could but remember.

They gave me a name. They called me the Unknown Soldier. Kings and statesmen came and bowed before me; archbishops prayed; soldiers stood at stiff attention. But I knew it was

only lip service. They were forgetting, but I could not forget. One day in all the year they thought of me every day in the year I thought of them. In my dead wakefulness I heard and saw and felt all the horrors pulsing through the world. And I suffered. I longed to speak, but words would not come.

Oh, they haunted me, those words! I knew I had spoken them once a long, long time before. Men had listened to me, then, but each time now I went to speak those words they were drowned in the laughter of guns, the chuckle of pain, the grin of death, as I remembered best the futile things.

I had long to think. Each second tolled a knell in passing, each minute seemed a dragging weight, each hour begged for its finish. I prayed for sleep, but sleep never came. Years were eternities. I wondered why God

had ever created time.

And all I have are memories. Strange memories. There comes to me at times a vision of a flat-shored sea, and fishermen stand around those shores mending their nets and gossiping. I see myself coming towards those men. But, as I go to speak, the air fills with the shriek of a passing shell and I sink down at its passing. The vision fades and I am once more on war-torn fields.

I cannot remember.

Then why am I here? Why must I suffer for what other men have done, are doing, and will always do? Millions like me sleep under a coverlet of red poppies. They know no pain, no sorrow. Then why am I resurrected, if those we left behind are much too blind to see?

Can all these be mere visions? Reason answers "Yes", but if Reason be true then why am I

here? Why am I tormented with a thousand hells of Tantalus? Surely there must be infinite compassion somewhere, a tenderness to heal my wounded soul and make me whole again. Surely the rain does not fall, the grass turn green, and Man struggle for the light, if there be not some purpose.

That distant message beats again upon my brain, words that yet can save Man from himself.

I see a hill, a stark and lonely hill. I see three crosses, like those I saw in Flanders, only crowned in enormity. I see a man, a young man, I see ...

Now I remember. Now I recall those words I spoke a long, long time ago.

I said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

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Summer is the time to delve into the past

by JUNE PARTRIDGE
Haliburton Highlands
Genealogical Group

This summer season is going to be a wonderful time for genealogists to further their family tree information. Since tourism is one of the basics to the health of our county, we take for granted the influx of tourists. How many are really relatives returning to their roots to re-establish ties and share memories both sad and happy?

Your local county group is trying to prepare what could be an excellent chance to add to your family tree.

There are many historical events occurring this summer that may help you to visualize the events of your ancestor's search for a new home in the New World.

Throughout the summer there will be walking tours on different sections of Yonge Street that is the "World's Longest Street". It stretches 1,178 miles from Lake Ontario to Rainy River. There are United Empire Loyalists and Simcoe Loyalists;

there are the William Berczy Settlers from Germany and the Pennsylvania Dutch all of who helped to clear the land and built the road in return for land close to or on the road.

Emigrants came by foot, by horse, by covered conestoga wagon and some came by ship via Quebec and Montreal. Those who came by boat then travelled by coach or by foot or by yet another boat. There were many Indian families who hunted, fished and lived here before the migration of people from Europe and America.

Now, try to picture how and from where your ancestors came. Try to picture what it was like to leave their home and travel to a new land.

Can you imagine what courage it took? Can you imagine how difficult it was to learn how to do almost everything in a new way?

In order to get a clear picture, read histories of the time period when your relatives arrived. We have many excellent books about Haliburton County that have been written.

Here are a few names of books to pique your interest. Muskoka and Haliburton 1615-1875 by the Champlain Society for the Government of Ontario; Fragments of a Dream by Leo Dobrensky; In Quest of Yesterday by Nila Reynolds; Early Days in Haliburton by H. R. Cummings.

Whether your ancestors came to this county or not you will be fascinated by the sheer determination of those in your family who came to Canada in the early developmental years of this county.

You will discover what is actually meant in day to day struggles to reach an area that held high hopes for them for a new and better life. Perhaps these exercises will stretch your imagination but they will show you how important it is to leave some written commentary on your own life for your descendants!

Why not start writing or taping memories of your family life? Describe how and where you have lived from childhood to adulthood. Who or what shaped

your life? Why are some of your possessions important to you? Who are your parents and grandparents and how did they shape your life? What is some of the family lore that has been passed down and how do you feel about these stories? Are there any black sheep or horse thieves that you know about and what shaped their lives?

Where did you go on vacation and where have you travelled? Were there significant turning points in your life?

If you sit down periodically and think about these questions you may be able to think back to the stories that were passed down to you by relatives.

Now you may have a better picture of your family history because now you know yourself better!

Sometimes the clues that we are looking for are within our memory and by reminiscing with family you can form a picture or remember a detail that has escaped you in the past.

By reading either historical books or historical fiction books about the era and the area when

your relatives came to Canada you will begin to form a picture that will help you understand your family history.

Questions may now come to mind about some of the missing periods of time in your family life and this will help you know where to start your search. Attend historical events in the area in which your family settled.

Don't forget to keep and store all your information in a place that you name in your personal papers so that those who come after you in your family can start with what you have found in your family tree and know who you really were and what shaped your life.

When family genealogists come along later to search your family tree, they will be forever grateful that you took the time to let them know who you were and what it was like in your world.

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GRADUATION



GREBER GRADUATION: Fraenzi Greber, daughter of Willie and Marianne of Haliburton, graduated from a Nursing program at Canadore College in North Bay on June 1, 1996.

Countdown is on for Horseshoe Days weekend

GOODERHAM

News

Anne Costeloe
447-2400

There are only four more weeks to go until our Horseshoe Days weekend!

The annual June Bug Horseshoe Tournament, sponsored by Osaka Log Homes, was held at the Community Centre.

First place went to Don Troop and Steve Parnell, second place went to Roy James and Jeff Graham.

Over the Canada Day long weekend, local horseshoe players did well in county tournaments.

At the Legion tournament held in Minden, Ron Barr and his partner Doug Robinson placed first. At the

West Guilford Canada Day Tournament, Wayne Parnell and his partner Bob Woodcock placed first, and Ron Barr and his partner Lyle Stamp placed second.

The CHACE Mobile Preschool Program visited the Gooderham Community Centre yesterday.

This program is open to all facilities with preschool children. A wide variety of activities is offered for the children to enjoy.

There is also a mobile toy lending library. The CHACE Mobile will be back in Gooderham on Monday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be a special presentation for caregivers on "Low cost summer activities".

There is no charge for the CHACE Mobile Program.

On Saturday, July 13, the Youth

Sports Group is holding a fishing derby on Bear Lake.

This is open to all youngsters who wish to enter.

The entry fee is \$1 to cover the cost of refreshments and prizes. To pre-register or for more information contact Bill Shaw at 447-3281.

Euchre results for Thursday, June 27: men's high score - Jim Routcliffe; lone hand - John McMillan; ladies' high score - Elva Bates; lone hand - Gwen Taylor; low score - Jane Flint.

The Haliburton Lions Club is holding its annual Mini Boat Race on Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m., at Head Lake Park.

Tickets for a boat in the race can be purchased at Barr's General Store.

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Canada Day celebrated in style at Wilberforce

WILBERFORCE

News

Hilda Clark

A fine crowd celebrated Canada Day 1996 in wonderful weather, on the grounds of the Historic Red Cross Outpost House in Wilberforce. The Heritage Guild hosted the event. Members of Branch 624 Canadian Legion hoisted a new flag and everyone sang 'O Canada' and waved hand flags. A recently formed male chorus under the direction of Elsie Lewis and Margaret Jeske charmed everyone, especially

with Happy Wanderer and I've The Bye. The chorus included Phil Shcherbak, Ernie Hemphill, Charlie Weemark, Gerald Shackleton, Lloyd Griffiths, Harold Bebbington, Bill Elliott and Stan Beard.

After birthday cake and other refreshments, people enjoyed a visit to the museum display, pleasant visiting on the lawn while they waited their turns for pontoon boat rides on Dark Lake. Many thanks to Ken Sanderson for organizing the rides, and to Jim Ruddell and Ernie Tallman for providing their boats and time. This was a new venture this year and was the hit of the day! Thanks to everyone who helped out in any

way. Special thanks to Legion L.A. members who gave the sandwiches.

Everyone hopes that Country Good Times this year will be a happy, fun experience for all who take part in it - "Something to Sing About".

That's the theme for our local summer festival on July 19, 20 and 21. Entries in the parade are expected to have some musical twists and for sure the amateur contest on Saturday and Sunday afternoons will present lots of singing, playing and dancing. If you or someone you know have some talent you would like to share, call Dorothy Bebbington at 448-3473. The junior entries are judged and prizes awarded

on Saturday. The top senior entrants are invited back for the finals on Sunday.

The Harcourt Chapel was alive with music at their service on June 30 when all the very musically talented Hughes family presented a concert. Wes, John, David, Tim, Nathan and Mark took the service, interweaving their Christian message with playing several brass instruments, keyboard piano, saw and guitar. They led congregational singing, enjoying this time together with their family and friends. As the boys are growing up and venturing forth in the world their times together like this evening will be treasured.

The Strawberry Supper pro-

vided by the members of the United Church on the holiday weekend was enjoyed by a goodly number of people. Good food and a good time to say hello to friends and neighbours and their visiting families. Many cottagers look forward to this annual event. May it continue for a long time!

Swimming lessons sponsored by Monmouth Township are being enjoyed by many young people during July. Participants are learning to swim, water safety and life saving at the township dock at Wilbermere Lake. Working with them for their various Red Cross badges are Instructor Teralyn Stamp and Assistant Meaghan Agnew.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:

Jim Cooper reads a poem he wrote for his sister, Lorna Stackhouse, who was named Citizen of the Year at West Guilford's Canada Day celebration last week.

Graduation celebrations continuing for proud West Guilford families

More news of graduates: Teressa Johnson, daughter of Bruce and Shirley, is an OAC grad who plans to York University, her long-term goal being to teach French.

Rowena and Dorcey Cooper were weekend visitors with their son, Wayne Cooper, from their home in Burks Falls environs.

Around here the company was almost too numerous to mention but it goes something like this: In addition to our New Brunswick family, we had the Alan Coopers of Orillia and Beth and Greg Chandelier home from St. Catharines. Al and Marie Cooper, Betty and Don Cooper, Janet and Steve Robb, all of Woodstock area, were accommodated at various households including David Pequegnat's Bed & Breakfast.

Louise Cooper's fami-

ly, Mrs. Win Rosseter, Jack and Lundyless Rosseter of North Bay and Frank Rosseter of Whitby, were here to attend the retirement party in honour of Louise at the Legion on June 29.

WEST GUILFORD

News

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

The many speeches were all informative and to the point, delivered with humour and insight and received gratefully by the guest of honour. The unique highlight of the event was the rickshaw ride around the hall, Sid as driver, and to the accompaniment of St. George's choir, Louise as passenger!

Gifts and plaques were also presented to which Louise replied with her usual clarity of expres-

sion.

Canada Day was attended well, in beautiful weather, grounds looking great and playground equipment being put to good use.

Lorna Stackhouse was chosen as citizen of the year, and introduced by Alice Jones in a tribute to Lorna's contribution to community and church.

The winner of the \$500 draw was Scott Cook of Haliburton.

Congratulations to all who were winners and to the many volunteers who kept the day going so well.

Congratulations and best wishes to Faye Stamp and Lloyd Campbell who were married on Saturday, June 29 at Ron and Sheila Stackhouse's home.

Welcome to the Marsdens, Dan and Ginny, who are now settled in on the Irish Line.

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PEREGRINE GRADUATION: Marilyn Peregrine is proud to announce the graduation of her son Gordon. Gordon has successfully graduated from the Canadian College of Massage and Hydrotherapy in Sutton. Gordon is currently preparing for his board exam in July.

Hyland Crest adopts a Canadian theme

SENIOR LEAGUE

Hyland Crest News

Horace Brown
286-2140

This week began with the holiday on Monday. I hope everyone had a good time at the Canada Day celebrations throughout the community. Monday evening we had the Salvation Army in for a visit.

We had a memorial service for Bea Taylor at our chapel service. Bea's daughter read the eulogy; it was a beautiful piece for a wonderful lady. Later in the day, we had crafts with Dottie and in the evening, cards with Pearl and the girls.

Wednesday we took care of our muscles and joints with our regular exercise groups. In the afternoon, we tested our knowledge with a quiz about Canada.

In the evening, we were entertained by the "Coopers". We thank them for coming and look forward to seeing them again on Friday for "Happy Hour".

The gardens are doing well and we look forward to the harvest that will start to come in the next few weeks.

We have some really good gardeners helping us out here at Hyland Crest, watering and weeding.

Thursday afternoon, we enjoyed our afternoon tea with the Stanhope Seniors and hope to see them again soon.

We ended the week with our reading with Mary and also our Beauty and Nails Program. The ladies certainly enjoy this time.

Thank you to John Menzies for his Saturday entertainment and to Rev. Burgess for his commitment to Sunday night chapel.

DORSET

News

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

Happy birthday wishes to Dr. Chris Kwaitkoski, Ebba Russel, Janet McDonald, Mary Tebby, Alicia Beuden, Becky Scott and June Jounaon.

There were a number of Dorset residents who enjoyed a concert at Deerhurst recently, when the Huntsville School of Ballet presented "The Art of Dance".

It was a delightful entertainment and displayed a great deal of talent by local youngsters.

There were two Dorset girls in the case, Jesse Ryan and Brianna McKey, and they displayed a great deal of talent.

Their relatives and

friends were very proud of them. It was a very enjoyable evening.

The Dorset Elementary School is to be congratulated on winning the award for having the highest number of classes participating in the Activity Challenge amongst all Haliburton elementary schools.

They also won the category of developing the most innovative ideas.

Activity Challenge, organized and sponsored by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, encouraged teachers and students to take time each day to become more physically active, and physical activity is vitally important to a child's health.

The winning school from each of the three counties each received \$100 for the highest level of participation

The winning class with the most innovative activity will enjoy a trip to the local bowling alley for an afternoon of fun and activity.

The Dorset Seniors enjoyed a night out to end the current season.

They gathered at Zachery's restaurant for a delicious dinner after which they went to the club on Route 117 and passed the rest of the evening in playing games and sociable conversation. Ralph Raven was presented with a birthday cake and serenaded with 'Happy Birthday' by all present.

Although the club's scheduled Wednesday

meetings will not begin until September 4, it will be open Wednesday and Saturday evenings for all who wish to take advantage of it. There are many who like to get together to socialize, play cards or whatever.

Are the bugs subsiding? Some think so and we all hope so, so that we can enjoy our nice summer weather.

H.H. To keep cut flowers for an indefinite period of time put in a solution of 1 quart warm water, 1 tablespoon white sugar, 2 tablespoons lemon juice and 1/4 teaspoon bleach.

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Deadline for receipt of Applications: Friday July 19, 1996

Only those persons who are granted an interview will be contacted.



The Haliburton County Board of Education

TENDER

FUEL OIL

The Haliburton County Board of Education invites tenders for fuel oil for the Board's Schools for the heating season September 1, 1996, to August 31, 1997.

Tender forms outlining instructions and conditions are available at the Board Office, Haliburton. Sealed tenders clearly marked "Fuel Oil" will be received at the Board Office by the undersigned until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 1996.

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James E. Bradley, Superintendent of Business
Haliburton County Board of Education
P.O. Box 507,
Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0

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HALIBURTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Anyone interested in purchasing this house may view the same by contacting Jim Bradley, Superintendent of Business at 457-1980 to make arrangements.

A refundable certified cheque or money order in the amount of \$1,000.00 must accompany the tender in order to be considered.

Removal of the house must be no later than August 1996, or suitable arrangement.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Sealed tenders marked "Board House" will be accepted until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 31, 1996 and should be forwarded to:

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P.O. Box 507,
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The Haliburton County Board of Education

TENDER

Garbage Pick-up Service

The Haliburton County Board of Education invites tenders for the garbage pick-up at the following locations:

1. The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. Specifications for this tender are available at the Board Office, Haliburton
2. The Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Specifications for this tender are: twice weekly - two bins
3. Wilberforce Elementary School. Specifications for this tender are: once weekly - bagged at curb

Separate tenders are required for each location but you may also submit a combined tender if interested in all three locations. Sealed tenders clearly marked "Garbage - Name of School" will be received by the undersigned at the Board office, until 12:00 noon on Friday, July 26, 1996. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

James E. Bradley
Haliburton County Board of Education
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Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0

Extendicare residents bid a sad farewell to their public relations 'rep'

EXTENDICARE

News

Barb Fryer

Our week started out on a sad note - Mary Gallacher passed away. We will miss her dearly. She was our Public Relations Rep. for Resident Council. She welcomed all new residents and thanked all our volunteers and the children that came in to entertain.

She always looked for things that needed her attention and gave it.

Our condolences go out to her family and friends. I know she will be missed particularly by the Scottish Dancers.

Tuesday Bingo was replaced by our summer Ice Cream Parlour sponsored by Kawartha Dairy.

Donna and her "Box of Trivia" entertained for the afternoon on Wednesday. St. Peter's Church Women visited on Thursday and brought the goodies for Afternoon Tea.

John Menzies played the piano and Donna Jowett sang some of the old favourites that the residents sang along with. Friday the Church Service, by Christopher Greaves was a tribute to the life of Mary Gallacher at Extendicare.

We welcome two new residents to Extendicare; Clarence Dearborn and Jocelyn Wray.

We hope their stay will be long and happy.

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Barb Fryer of Extendicare, left, presents Robert Burns with a certificate recognizing his fund-raising efforts during Extendicare's Wheelchair Rally. Robert raised \$346 of the \$1550 total. Watching the presentation is Robert's mother Kathy, an Extendicare resident.

Canadians show national pride as they never have before

EAGLE LAKE

News

Ruth Still

Canadians celebrated Canada Day, July 1, 1996 as never before. From Victoria, B.C. to St. John's, Newfoundland, it was an exuberant party. In Inuvik, our national anthem was especially moving, sung in Innu, French and English.

We are not a people given to the extravagant gesture (hand over the heart) or to emoting. We are embarrassed to 'put ourselves forward', let alone brag of what we are or what we have.

Being ever mindful, like a parent raising a child, that the moment you brag, they will probably commit such a gaffe as to completely humiliate you.

Nevertheless our latent patriotism is at last in evidence. Have we collec-

tively realized what a wonderful country our Canada is - the envy of the world, the goal of the immigrant.

Was this year's patriotic fervor due to the close call of the Quebec referendum last fall? Was it just the glorious summer day after a long winter?

Whatever, our Canada is a glorious land, deserving of our pride and patriotism and well worth the effort each of us can make to keep it together.

We welcome the return of cottagers and tourists. Parking around the store is at a premium.

The pace of life quickens, especially in this final week before our Rhubarb Festival at Eagle Lake.

The new park is now layered deeply with beach sand, donated from my property and hauled, courtesy of Ken Evans

It lacks only some picnic tables in the shade of the birch trees

Two years ago tables were verbally donated but we had no ready site. Would these donors now contact Marj Kennedy, 754-2497.

Horseshoe pits are in place at the rear of the store available for that ring of metal against metal to fill a summer evening.

The current local social event is the 'pie party', four women chopping, rolling, making the filling, putting the pie together and chatting.

We've even noticed Haliburton participation, thanks Marion K.!

Why, oh why did we choose such a juicy medium as rhubarb? The final hurdle will be the baking of more than 150 pies on July 12.

The Benson Brothers concert of songs, nostalgic and gospel, was a delight for the large audience.

Our sixteen and seventeen-year-olds are off at first jobs this summer,

with local camps or lodges. Some have left the community to find work. To all, have a productive, happy summer.

This is the first week for children, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Women, to attend Camp Medeba.

Vacation Bible School for the After-4 Group commences July 18 at the church, 10 to 12 p.m.

Summer at the Rhubarb Patch is off to a good start.

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HALIBURTON COUNTY Community Events

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July 10 - **MINI BOAT RACE** Haliburton District Lions Club, 7:00pm Drag River/Head Lake Park

July 12 - **VACANT POSITIONS ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS** The Haliburton Social Action Committee (S.A.C.) is seeking applications for vacant positions on its Board of Directors. S.A.C. is a voluntary charitable organization and governing body for two children's services, the Case Coordination and Access to Integration Programs. Please send a letter of application by July 12, 1996 to S.A.C., Box 179, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. For information call (705) 457-1888.

July 13 - **RUN FOR THE RHUBARB**, Eagle Lake (in conjunction with the Rhubarb Festival), starts 8:30 a.m. For further information contact Ian Moorhouse, days 457-2751, evgs 457-2533.

July 13 - Stanhope Volunteer Firefighters Annual **FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE**, 9:00 a.m. Help the firefighters raise money for a new rescue truck. For more information or to donate articles call Bob at 754-3033 or Ralph at 489-3828 or 489-4229. Pick-up available.

July 14 - **CHURCH IN THE PARK** Lakeside Baptist Church, Sunday, July 14 at 10 a.m. at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. Featuring up tempo singing, special music, skits and a family message. Come and bring a friend. In case of rain, Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St. at 10 a.m. For more information phone 457-2851.

July 20 - **BASS TOURNAMENT** Saturday, July 20, 1996, Haliburton Village, sponsored by Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. \$6000 total prize money. For more information contact Patrick Kennedy, (705) 457-1128 days, or 457-2408 evenings.

July 26 - **BOOKMARK DAY** The Haliburton Highlands Learning (Literacy) Program will be sponsoring a Bookmark Day on Friday, July 26, 1996, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Dorset, Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce. Support H.H.L.P. by making a donation for bookmarks, rulers and crayons. Support a good cause! Support Life Long Learning! Info, 457-3430.

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